

PARALDEHYDE

FORM Enema. Premixed solution of paraldehyde and olive oil in equal volumes.

INDICATION Control of Seizures

DOSE RANGE

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
Birth to 6 months	0.8ml/kg of premixed solution	SINGLE dose	Rectal

CAUTIONS, CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS

- See Summary of Product Characteristics and most recent edition of BNF for Children (links below)

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Paraldehyde can melt plastic. However, if given within 10 minutes of drawing up a plastic syringe can be used for administration
- Avoid contact with plastics and rubber
- Do not use solution if it has a brownish colour or a sharp penetrating odour of acetic acid
- Avoid contact with uncovered skin- if solution touches uncovered skin, wash for at least 10 minutes with cold running water. May cause local irritation around the site of administration'

LICENSED STATUS Unlicensed special

LINKS [BNF for Children:](#) / [Electronic Medicines Compendium](#)

APPLICABLE POLICIES [West of Scotland Neonatal Guidelines:](#)

Consult local policy if applicable

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Dose may vary depending on indication, age, renal function, hepatic function, and concomitant medications. This monograph should be used in conjunction with the package insert, BNF for Children, and Summary of Product Characteristics. For further advice contact your clinical pharmacist or pharmacy department.