

# NEONATAL West of Scotland Drug Monographs

## Parenteral Routes

Neonatal

### Meningococcal B Vaccine

**BRAND** Bexsero®

**FORM** Meningococcal B Vaccine in 0.5ml prefilled syringe

**INDICATION** Primary Immunisation (See WoS Immunisation Guideline for full details of immunisation programme)

#### DOSE RANGE

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
2 - 6 months	0.5ml	ONCE only (repeat as per immunisation schedule)	IM injection

#### ADMINISTRATION

Shake before use.

Give by IM injection into anterolateral thigh.

Local reactions may be reduced by ensuring the needle is placed deep into the muscle.

Injection should be given into a different limb to vaccines given at same time or at least 2.5cm apart if same limb MUST be used

Avoid IM administration in patients with bleeding disorders. Give by deep subcutaneous injection instead. See WoS Neonatal Haematology Guideline for more information.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

- Premature babies follow the same programme with no correction for gestational age
- Oral paracetamol should be given at time of injection and every 6 hours after injection for 2 doses.
- Complete relevant local paperwork for public health
- The first course of vaccination has been associated with a recurrence of apnoea in premature babies. Such babies should be monitored closely following vaccination.
- If the patient has an evolving neurological problem with no cause identified, including poorly controlled epilepsy, immunisation should be deferred and the child referred to a specialist.

**STORAGE** Store in the fridge

**LICENSED STATUS** Licensed Use

**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.  
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Pharmacist Network. Information is correct at the time of publication and as per local practice agreement.  
For further advice please contact your clinical pharmacist or pharmacy department

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