

NEONATAL West of Scotland Drug Monographs

ORAL/OTHER ROUTES

Neonatal

Proxymetacaine 0.5% Eye Drops

FORM Proxymetacaine 0.5% minims

INDICATION Topical anaesthetic for eye given during retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) screening if required

DOSE RANGE

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
All babies covered by ROP Guideline	1 drop in each eye	ONCE only	Topical to eyes

FURTHER INFORMATION

- For adequate analgesia proxymetacaine should be instilled by ophthalmologist 5 minutes prior to examination. The effect lasts for less than 1 hour
- Do not use if solution is more than pale yellow in colour

STORAGE

Store in the fridge.
Minims are for single use only – discard any remaining solution

LICENSED STATUS

Not licensed for use in preterm infants

APPLICABLE POLICIES

West of Scotland Neonatal Guidelines

Consult local policy if applicable

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