

South Australian Neonatal Medication Guidelines

# phenoxymethylpenicillin

oral mixture

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## Synonyms

Penicillin V

## Dose and Indications

### Infection due to susceptible organisms

#### Oral

10mg/kg/dose given four times a day

Length of treatment should be guided by pathology and clinical picture.

## Preparation and Administration

#### Oral

There are various strengths available, refer to local guidelines for the specific strength available at your institution or unit and product information for storage conditions.

Give preferably on an empty stomach to optimise absorption

## Adverse Effects

#### Common

Diarrhoea

#### Infrequent

Vomiting, *Clostridium difficile*-associated disease

#### Rare

Black tongue, electrolyte disturbances, neurotoxicity, bleeding, blood dyscrasias  
Anaphylactic shock is not commonly seen in the neonates.

## Version control and change history

**PDS reference:** OCE use only

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1.0	November 2012	current	Original version
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