

South Australian Neonatal Medication Guidelines

amoxycillin with clavulanic acid

amoxycillin 80mg, clavulanic acid 11.4mg/mL mixture

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This statewide guideline does not address all the elements of clinical practice and assumes that the individual clinicians are responsible for discussing care with consumers in an environment that is culturally appropriate and which enables respectful confidential discussion. This includes:

- The use of interpreter services where necessary,
- Advising consumers of their choice and ensuring informed consent is obtained,
- Providing care within scope of practice, meeting all legislative requirements and maintaining standards of professional conduct, and
- Documenting all care in accordance with mandatory and local requirements

Synonyms

Co-amoxiclav, amoxicillin with clavulanic acid

Dose and Indications

Infection due to susceptible organisms

Oral

Dose according to amoxycillin content

Duo® product, 12.5–22.5 mg/kg every 12 hours

Length of treatment should be guided by pathology and clinical picture; however in proven sepsis treatment should continue for a minimum of 7 days.

Preparation and Administration

Oral

There are brands available refer to product information for reconstitution volume.

The reconstituted solution is usually stable for 7 days stored under refrigeration; however this may change according to brand available. Please consult product information.

Amoxycillin with clavulanic acid is best given with feeds to minimise gastrointestinal irritation.

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Adverse Effects

Common

Diarrhoea, secondary infection especially during prolonged treatment, transient increases in liver enzymes and bilirubin

Infrequent

Vomiting, Clostridium difficile-associated disease

Rare

Rash, black tongue, neurotoxicity, bleeding, blood dyscrasias, rash, cholestatic hepatitis

Anaphylactic shock is not commonly seen in the neonates.

Monitoring

- > Hepatic function if treatment lasts for >14 days.

Practice Points

- > Amoxycillin with clavulanic acid provides some anaerobic cover
- > The 125-31.25 mg/5 mL non-Duo® mixture is for 8 hourly dosing (7.5-15 mg/kg/dose) while the 400mg-57mg/5mL Duo® preparations are for 12 hourly dosing. Dosing guidelines for this monograph are for the Duo® preparation, however either product can be used.

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