

Clonidine

FORM Solution containing 50micrograms in 5ml

INDICATION Sedation/ Pain/ Opiate Withdrawal

DOSE RANGE

AGE	DOSE	FREQUENCY	ROUTE
All ages	Initially 3micrograms/kg; increased if necessary up to 5micrograms/kg	3 times daily	Oral/NG

* Clonidine can be stopped immediately if used for 14 days or less

* If used for more than 14 days, clonidine should be weaned daily over 5 days then stopped

CAUTIONS, CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Blood pressure and pulse rate must be monitored on initiating treatment and after each dose increase
- Use with caution in renal impairment

LICENSED STATUS Unlicensed use

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.