West of Scotland ORAL/ OTHER ROUTE Drug Monographs

Nitrazepam

FORM 2.5mg/5ml oral suspension BP

INDICATION Seizures

DOSE RANGE

| AGE | DOSE | FREQUENCY | ROUTE |
|--|--|----------------|-------|
| Birth – 1 month | Starting Dose - 125micrograms/kg/dose | Every 12 hours | Oral |
| | After several days can be increased to 125micrograms/kg in the morning and 250micrograms/kg in the evening | | |
| After several days can be further increased to 250micrograms/kg morning and evening. | | | |
| 1 month – 6 months | 250micrograms/kg/dose – 500micrograms/kg/dose | Every 12 hours | Oral |



CAUTIONS, CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS

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

FURTHER INFORMATION• Discontinuation requires tapering off period

LICENSED STATUS Unlicensed in neonates

LINKS http://www.mhra.gov.uk/spc-pil

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.

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