



GLYCEROL (GLYCERINE)

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Formulary: Unrestricted	
Presentation	Liquid: 100% v/v glycerol Suppository for infants: 700 mg
Classification	Osmotic laxative
Indication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitation of passage of meconium Constipation
Special Considerations	Contraindications: Dehydration, rectal bleeding. Precautions: Congenital gastrointestinal conditions, major cardiac defects (risk of fluid shift).
Monitoring	Stool output
Side Effects	Diarrhoea, rectal irritation, abdominal pain, bleeding per rectum (from insertion of the syringe when liquid used).
Storage & Stability	Liquid: Store at room temperature, below 30°C. Suppository: Store at room temperature, below 25°C. Discard unused portion immediately.
Comments	Onset of action: 15 to 30 minutes. May also act through its local irritant effects and have lubricating and faecal softening actions.

RECTAL LIQUID	Presentation	Liquid: 100% v/v glycerol	
	Dosage	Constipation 0.1 to 0.2 mL	
	Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw glycerol solution into a 1 mL syringe. Attach Clot Catcher and prime with the solution. 	
	Administration	Insert 1 to 2 cm of Clot Catcher into rectum and administer required dose.	

RECTAL SUPPOSITORY	Presentation	Suppository for infants: 700 mg	
	Dosage	Constipation Small sliver	
	Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut a small sliver from suppository for use. Discard unused portion of suppository. 	
	Administration	Gently insert the sliver into the rectum.	

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