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| Nitrofurantoin |
| Preparations listed in the Drug tariff**Hover the mouse over the £ sign for DT prices** | [**Part VIIIA (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIa) | **DT price** |
| Nitrofurantoin 50mg tablets | £9.21 for 28 |
| Nitrofurantoin 100mg tablets | £7.60 for 28 |
| Nitrofurantoin 50mg capsules | £19.37 for 30 |
| Nitrofurantoin 100mg capsules | £10.43 for 30 |
| Nitrofurantoin 100mg m/r capsules | £9.50 for 14 |
| Nitrofurantoin 25mg/5ml oral suspension S/F | £525.17 for 300ml |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| None |  |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Nitrofurantoin (not m/r) capsules (unlicensed use):Capsule can be opened and contents mixed with water before giving1.Nitrofurantoin tablets (unlicensed use):Tablets do not disperse readily but will disintegrate if shaken in 10ml water for 5 minutes to give a bright yellow, fine dispersion1. Nitrofurantoin suspension:Consider using for example, in calculating an exact dose for a paediatric patient which cannot be administered using a whole tablet/capsule. |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Nitrofurantoin tablets (unlicensed use):Stop the feed and flush. Place the tablet in the barrel of the syringe with 10ml water and shake gently for 5 minutes to give a bright yellow, fine dispersion, then flush. Rinse the syringe and flush.Nitrofurantoin suspension (unlicensed use):Stop the feed and flush. Draw the required suspension into a syringe and mix with the same volume of water, then flush. Rinse the syringe and flush.Consider using for example, in calculating an exact dose for a paediatric patient which cannot be administered using a whole tablet/capsule. |
| Comments |
| None |
| References1. White R and Bradnam V. Handbook of Drug Administration via enteral feeding tubes. 3rd edition, 2015. Pharmaceutical Press
2. Drug Tariff September 2019 <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/drug-tariff>
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| **Please note: full instructions should be provided to the person administering the medicine. This is guidance only and should not determine individualised care.** |
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