



# THE TABLET

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*. A reminder to all Nursing Staff to please phone Pharmacy before discharging a patient. This is in order for a discharge medication chart to be compiled if necessary.*

## Caution: Methotrexate Tablets

Give **ONCE** per week for Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Nurses must be careful not to touch the tablets as they are cytotoxic.



**Vasopressin Injection 20 units has recently been added to the crash carts.**

Vasoconstrictor for cardiac arrests

## We do not stock NITRO-DUR patches.

For equivalent please use:

- Transiderm - Nitro 25 (25mg) , releases 5mg/24 hours = **Nitro-Dur 5mg**
- Transiderm Nitro 50 (50mg), releases 10mg/24 hours = **Nitro-Dur 10mg**
- Transiderm Nitro 25 + 50 (25mg + 50mg), = **Nitro-Dur 15mg**

## Opioid Dependence

When patients are admitted who require treatment for Opioid Dependence (e.g. Methadone Syrup) and they are usually on daily doses from Amcal Pharmacy, nursing staff are requested to contact the PDH Ward Pharmacist ASAP to ensure that the correct dose of the medication can be supplied and that PDH Pharmacy can contact Amcal Pharmacy.

