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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### Standard Minimum Drug List

The attached list outlines the minimum standard drugs which should be available for any patient transport flight conducted by RFDS Western Operations. The standard list covers the most common emergency and routine drugs and the minimum quantities required for flights from any region of the State. The list is a balance between coverage of a diverse range of potential clinical needs and the provision of an excessive (and expensive) choice of agents.

This list does not preclude additional drugs being taken on a flight where larger quantities of a particular agent is expected, or the carriage of additional drugs provided for the specific treatment of patients by referring hospitals.

### Base Store Drugs

A limited number of agents used infrequently and not required to be carried on a regular basis are to be kept at each Base or available from the Regional Hospital. Arrangements will vary between Bases depending on ease of access, particularly after hours.

### Neonatal Drugs

NETS have a standard list of drugs for neonatal retrieval and supply and maintain drug boxes for Jandakot, Port Hedland and Derby.

### Snake Antivenoms

RFDS will provide and treat patients with snake antivenom. To save costs associated with expiring stock, most Bases have arrangements to obtain the required antivenoms from the hospital pharmacy, prior to flight. They should be stored appropriately and returned promptly if they are not used.

### Thrombolytic Agents

Patients requiring thrombolysis in the pre-hospital setting will receive a bolus dose of TPA (currently tenecteplase). One pack is carried with each drug box and a spare at each Base to ensure rapid replacement. However, due to the cost, replacement is met through a PBS prescription by the RFDS doctor responsible for the patient and replaced through a private or hospital pharmacy.

### Other Highly Specialized or Expensive Drugs

Oncology agents, specialized cardiac drugs, antibiotics, which are outside of our Standard Drugs List, are not supplied at RFDS expense. These are likely to only be required for inter-hospital transfers and are therefore the responsibility of the referring hospital.

### Storage

Drugs are stored in alphabetical order in our drug boxes. Those requiring refrigeration are highlighted and are to be carried in the pack provided for cold drugs.

## 2 STANDARD DRUG LIST

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRESENTATION			QUANTITY	COMMENT
Adenosine	6mg	2mL	Inj	6	
Adrenaline <i>Minijet</i>	1:10 000	10mL	Inj	2	
Adrenaline	1:10 000	10mL	Inj	1	<i>Neonatal use</i>
Adrenaline	1:1000	1 mL	Inj	10	
Aminophylline	250mg	10mL	Inj	4	
Amiodarone	150mg	3mL	Inj	4	
Amoxicillin	1G	-	Inj	2	
Aspirin tabs (soluble)	300mg	-	Tab	10	
Atropine	0.6mg	1mL	Inj	4	
Azithromycin	500mg	10mL	Inj	1	<i>Atypical pneumonia, PID</i>
Bupivacaine (Marcaïn) 0.5%	-	20mL	Inj	1	
Benztropine	2mg	2mL	Inj	2	
Benzylpenicillin	1.2g	-	Inj	2	
Betamethasone (Celestone Chronodose)	5.7mg	1mL	Inj	2	
Calcium gluconate 10%	1G	10mL	Inj	2	
Ceftriaxone	1G	-	Inj	2	
Clopidogrel	75mg		Tab	8	
Dexamethasone	4mg	1mL	Inj	3	
Dextrose 50%	25G	50mL	Inj	2	<i>Move to iv fluid draw</i>
Diazepam (Diazemuls)	10mg	2mL	Inj	5	
Diazepam tablets	5mg	-	Tablet	4	
Digoxin	0.5mg	2mL	Inj	2	
Dopamine	200mg	5mL	Inj	2	
Enoxaparin (pre-filled syringe)	100mg	1mL	Ini	1	
Flucloxacillin	1G	-	Inj	2	
Flumazenil	0.5mg	5mL	Inj	2	
Frusemide	20mg	2mL	Inj	5	
Gentamicin	80mg	2mL	Inj	5	
Glucagon	1mg	-	Inj	1	<i>Dilute with 1ml WFI</i>
Glyceryl trinitrate (IV)	50mg	10mL	Inj	2	
Glyceryl trinitrate patches	25mg	-	Patch	5	
Glyceryl trinitrate spray	400µg/dose	200 dose	Spray	1	
Haloperidol	5mg	1mL	Inj	5	
Heparin	25000 I.U.	5mL	Inj	1	
Heparin Sodium	5000 I.U.	1mL	Inj	2	
Hydralazine	20mg	1mL	Inj	2	
Hyoscine hydrobromide (Kwells)	0.3mg	-	Tab	6	
Hydrocortisone	250mg	-	Inj	2	
Ibuprofen	200mg		Tab	10	
Insulin (Actrapid/soluble HM)	100 I.U./mL	10mL	Inj	1	<i>Cold drugs</i>
Ipratropium bromide (Atrovent) nebuluses	0.25mg	1mL	Neb	2	
Isoprenaline	1:5000 (1mg)	5mL	Inj	2	<i>Cold drugs</i>
Ketorolac	30mg	1ml	Inj	2	
Labetolol	100mg	20mL	Inj	1	<i>Special Access Scheme Form to be filled out.</i>
Lignocaine 1% (Xylocaine plain)	50mg	5mL	Inj	2	<i>Polyamp</i>
Lignocaine 1% with Adrenaline 1:100,000		5mL	Inj	2	
Magnesium & Aluminium Hydroxide & Simethicone (Mylanta II) tabs	400/400/30 mg	-	Tab	1 sheet tabs	
Magnesium sulphate	10mmol (2.47G)	5mL	Inj	6 amps	
Mannitol 20% infusion	100G	500mL	Inj	1	<i>With IV fluids</i>
Midazolam	15mg	3mL	Inj	5	

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRESENTATION			QUANTITY	COMMENT
Metaraminol tartrate	10mg	1mL	Inj	2	
Metronidazole	500mg	100mL	Inj	1	
Metoclopramide	10mg	2mL	Inj	2	
Metoprolol tabs	50mg	-	Tab	4	
Metoprolol	1mg/mL	5mL	1nj	2	
Misoprostol	200µg		Tab	5	
Naloxone (adult)	0.4mg	1mL	Inj	2	
Neostigmine	2.5mg	1mL	Inj	2	
Nicotine patches	15mg	-	patch	1	
Nifedipine tabs	20mg		Tab	10	
Noradrenaline	2mg	2mL	Inj	5	
Olanzapine wafers	5mg		Wafer	4	<i>Buccal use</i>
Ondansetron wafers	8mg	-	Wafer	2	
Oral Rehydration (Gastrolyte sachets)	-	-	-	2	
Oxymetazoline HCl 0.5% nasal spray	0.5mg/ml	15 mL	Spray	1	
Pantoprazole	40mg	-	Inj	3	
Paracetamol tabs	500mg	-	Tab	10	
Paracetamol suppositories	125mg	-	Supp	10-12	
Paracetamol for infusion	1g/100mL	100mL	Inj	1	<i>Drug box</i>
Paracetamol elixir	120mg/5mL	100mL	-	1 bottle	
Phenobarbitone	200mg	1mL	Inj	2	
Phenytoin	250mg	5mL	Inj	6	
Phytomenadione (Vitamin K / Konakion MM)	2mg	0.2mL	Inj / Oral	2	
Potassium Chloride	10mmol	10mL	Inj	4	
Prochlorperazine	12.5mg	1mL	Inj	2	
Promethazine	50mg	2mL	Inj	1	
Propofol emulsion	500mg	50ml	Inj	4	
Ranitidine	50mg	2mL	Inj	1	
Rocuronium	50mg	5ml	Inj	3	<i>Cold drugs. For induction only</i>
Salbutamol aerosol				1	<i>With Oxylog</i>
Salbutamol nebulas	5mg	2.5mL	Neb	10	
Salbutamol (obstetric)	5mg	5mL	Inj	2	
Sodium bicarbonate 8.4%	-	100mL	Inj	1	<i>Move to cold drugs</i>
Sodium chloride 0.9%	-	20mL	Inj	5	
Sucrose ("Tootsweet")		2mL	Amp	1	<i>Oral analgesia</i>
Suxamethonium	100mg	2mL	Inj	4	<i>Cold drugs</i>
Syntocinon	10 I.U.	1mL	Inj	4	<i>Cold drugs</i>
Syntometrine	5 I.U. (0.5mg)	1mL	Inj	2	<i>Cold drugs</i>
Tenecteplase (pack)	10,000U (50mg)	20mL	Inj	1	<i>PBS script replacement.</i>
Thiamine	100mg	1ml	Inj	1	
Thiopentone	0.5G	-	Inj	2	
Tranexamic acid	1g	-	Inj	2	<i>See major haemorrhage guideline.</i>
Vancomycin	1g	-	Inj	2	
Verapamil	5mg	2mL	Inj	2	
Vecuronium	10mg	-	Inj	5	
Water for injection	-	10mL	Inj	5	
<b>NARCOTICS</b>					
Fentanyl	100µg	2mL	Inj	5	
Ketamine	200mg/2mL	2mL	Inj	3	
Morphine	15mg	1mL	Inj	5	
Oxycodone	5mg		Tab	10	

### 3 DRUGS AVAILABLE AT BASE OR REGIONAL HOSPITAL

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRESENTATION			QUANTITY	COMMENTS
Antivenoms					
- Brown snake antivenom		2 amps	Inj		
- Black snake antivenom		1 amp	Inj		
- Stonefish antivenom	2000 IU	2 mL	Inj		<i>PD, Derby only</i>
- Redback antivenom	500U	1 amp	Inj		
Antibiotics					
-Aciclovir	500mg	20ml	Inj	5amps	
-Clindamycin	300mg	2mL	Inj	2amps	
-Meropenem	1G	amp	Inj	2	
-Piperacillin / Tazobactam	4G / 0.5G	20mL	Inj	2	
Antidotes					
- Kelocyanor (Dicobalt EDTA)					
- Pralidoxime	25mg / mL	20mL	Inj	10 amps	
- N-acetylcysteine (IV use)	200mg / mL	10mL	Inj	10 amps	
Co-phenylcaine forte	100 microlitre/spray	50mL	spray	1	<i>With 5x disposable nozzles</i>
Frusemide	250mg	25mL	Inj	5	
Charcoal, activated (without Sorbitol) gastric tube bag	50G	300mL		1	
Methyl prednisolone (Solu-Medrol)	1gm	20ml	Inj	3	<i>Spinal cord inj.</i>
Methyl prednisolone (solu-Medrol)	500mg	10ml	inj	2	<i>Spinal cord inj.</i>
Prothrombinex-VF	500IU	20mL	Ini	20	<i>Jandakot Blood Fridge</i>
Saline – Hypertonic 20%		10mL	Inj	10	<i>For dilution as per guideline for raised intracranial pressure</i>
SSD cream 1%	100G	-		4	
Terlipressin	0.85mg	8.5ml	Inj	2	<i>Replace Octreotide</i>
Vaccines					
- ADT booster		0.5mL	Inj	2	
- DTP booster		0.5mL	Inj	2	
- Hepatitis B vaccine		0.5mL	Inj	2	
- Hepatitis A vaccine		0.5mL	Inj	2	
- Hepatitis A & B (Twinrix)		1 mL	Inj	2	
- Varicella		0.5mL	Inj		<i>On request</i>
- Influenza vaccine		0.5mL	Inj		<i>Seasonal</i>