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ORAL IRON PREPARATIONS FOR NEONATES AND CHILDREN

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Abstract: *Iron deficiency anemia (IDA) is one of the most common public health concerns globally, more so in developing countries like India. Iron deficiency in pregnancy, infancy and early childhood results in health and neurodevelopmental problems in the first 1000 days of life. Oral iron supplementation is preferred for prevention and treatment of iron deficiency anemia. This article is a review of the various oral iron preparations available in the market.*

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Points to Remember

- ***Iron deficiency anemia is extremely common in children and is of great public health importance.***
- ***Prevention, early identification and treatment of iron deficiency is essential for normal neurodevelopment.***
- ***Ferrous formulations are preferred for oral iron supplementation.***
- ***Prudent selection of appropriate formulation and awareness of elemental iron provided in each, help to ensure correct dosing.***

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