

Benmox

Albendazole

Composition

Benmox 400 Tablet: Each chewable tablet contains Albendazole USP 400 mg
Benmox Suspension: Each 5 ml suspension contains Albendazole USP 200 mg

Description

Albendazole is a very potent benzimidazole carbamate anthelmintic used in the treatment of various intestinal worm infestations and hydatid disease.

Indications

Albendazole is indicated in

- Ascariasis, Trichuriasis, Strongyloidiasis and Hookworm infestations
- Enterobiasis, Capillariasis, Cysticercosis and Cutaneous larva migrans
- Hydatid disease
- Surgery as an adjunct therapy (either pre-or post-operatively)

Dosage and Administration

Age 12 to 24 months: 200 mg as a single dose (1/2 tablet or 5 ml suspension)

Adults and children (over two years): One tablet or 10 ml suspension as a single dose in cases of *Enterobius vermicularis*, *Trichuris trichiura*, *Ascaris lumbricoides*, *Ancylostoma duodenale* and *Necator americanus*. In case of strongyloidiasis or taeniasis, one tablet or 10 ml suspension as a single dose should be given for three consecutive days.

Giardiasis: One tablet or 10 ml suspension once daily for five days.

In hydatid disease (Echinococcosis): In the treatment of echinococcosis, Albendazole is given by mouth with meals in a single dose of 400 mg twice daily for 28 days for patients weighing over 60 kg. A dose of 15mg/kg body weight daily in two divided doses (to a maximum total daily dose of 800 mg) is used for patients weighing less than 60 kg. For cystic echinococcosis the 28 days course may be repeated after 14 days without treatment to a total of three treatment cycles. For alveolar echinococcosis, cycles of 28 days of treatment followed by 14 days without treatment may need to continue for months or years. When three courses have been given in the pre or post surgical setting, optimal killing of cyst contents is achieved.

Side Effects

Gastrointestinal disturbances, headache and dizziness have been reported during treatment. These symptoms are usually mild and resolve without treatment. Rash, fever and rarely alopecia may occur during treatment.

Contraindications

Albendazole is absolutely contraindicated during pregnancy.

Precautions

Elevations in hepatic enzyme levels and reversible reduction in total white cell count have occasionally been reported. These changes appear to be more common during treatment of *E. multilocularis*.

Drug Interactions

Albendazole has been shown to induce liver enzymes of the cytochrome P-450 system responsible for its own metabolism. There is, therefore, a theoretical risk of interaction with theophylline, anticonvulsants, anticoagulants, oral contraceptives and oral hypoglycaemics. Care should therefore be exercised during the introduction of Albendazole in patients receiving the above groups of compounds.

Overdosage

There is no experience of overdosage. Gastric lavage may be performed in the first two to three hours after ingestion. No specific antidote is known. However, symptomatic treatment and general supportive measures should be undertaken as required.

Storage

Store below 30° C in a dry place. Keep away from light.

Warning

Prescription only medicine. To be used as directed by the physician. Keep out of reach of children.

Packaging

Benmox 400 Tablet: Each box contains 50 tablets in alu-pvc blister pack.

Benmox Suspension: Each box contains 10 ml suspension in a PET bottle and a measuring cup spoon.



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