

Filmet®

Tablet/Suspension

Description

Filmet is the brand of Metronidazole film coated tablets and lemon flavoured suspension. The special film coating is to mask the characteristic bitterness of Metronidazole which may sometimes cause nausea. Filmet has antiprotozoal action and is effective against *Trichomonas vaginalis*, *Entamoeba histolytica*, *Giardia intestinalis* and anaerobic bacteria.

Indications

- Urogenital trichomoniasis in the female and male
- Intestinal and extra-intestinal amoebiasis
- Giardiasis
- Anaerobic bacterial infections
- Non-specific vaginitis
- Anaerobically-infected ulcers and pressure sores

Dosage and Administration

Indications	Duration in Days	Adults and Children over 10 years	Children 7-10 yrs.	Children 3-7 yrs.	Children 1-3 yrs.
Amoebic dysentery	5 to 10 or 2	800 mg tid 2 g once daily	400 mg tid	200 mg qid	200 mg tid
Asymptomatic amebiasis	5 to 10	400-800 mg tid	200-400 mg tid	100-200 mg qid.	100-200 mg tid
Hepatic and extraintestinal amoebiasis	5 to 10 or 2	400-800 mg tid 2-2.4 g once daily	200-400 mg tid	100-200 mg tid	100-200 mg tid
Giardiasis	3	2 g once daily	1 g once daily	600 mg once daily 100 mg bid	500 mg once daily 50 mg tid
Trichomoniasis consort treatments recommended	7 or 2 or 1	200 mg tid 800 mg-morning and 1.2 g-evening 2 g single dose	100 mg tid		
Vincent's infection	3	200 mg tid or 400 mg bid	100 mg tid	100 mg tid	50 mg tid
Anaerobic infection	7	400 mg tid	7.5 mg/kg body weight in divided doses		
Non-specific vaginitis	7	400 mg tid			
Leg ulcer and pressure sore	1 7	2 g single dose 400 mg tid			

Side Effects

Side effects of Metronidazole include gastrointestinal discomfort, nausea, coated tongue, dryness of mouth and unpleasant metallic or bitter taste, headache, pruritus and skin rashes and less frequently, vertigo, depression, insomnia, drowsiness, urethral discomfort, and darkening of the urine. Occasionally there may be temporary moderate leucopenia. Peripheral neuropathy has been reported in patients on prolonged therapy.

Contraindication

Filmet is contraindicated in patients with prior history of hypersensitivity to Metronidazole or other Nitroimidazole derivatives.

Precautions

Metronidazole should not be used in patients with blood dyscrasia. It is suggested that it should not be given in the first three months of pregnancy. When given in conjunction with alcohol, Metronidazole may provoke a disulphiram like effect.

Commercial Packs

Filmet[®] 200 Tablet : 10 blister strips of 10 film coated tablets, each tablet contains 200 mg Metronidazole BP.

Filmet[®] 400 Tablet : 10 blister strips of 10 film coated tablets, each tablet contains 400 mg Metronidazole BP.

Filmet[®] DS Tablet : 10 blister strips of 10 film coated tablets, each tablet contains 800 mg Metronidazole BP.

Filmet[®] Suspension : 60 ml suspension in amber glass bottle, each 5 ml contains Metronidazole Benzoate BP 320 mg equivalent to 200 mg Metronidazole.