Paracetamol (acetaminophen)

Essential medicine status

General description

Paracetamol is a non-opioid analgesic for treatment of mild to moderate pain including dysmenorrhoea and headache; pain relief in osteoarthritis and soft tissue lesions; acute migraine. It also has antipyretic activity.

INN	Paracetamol
ATC codes	N02BE01
Medicine type	Chemical agent
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) for Pain Added in 1987 (TRS 770) for Migraine
Wikipedia	Paracetamol (acetaminophen)
DrugBank	Paracetamol (Acetaminophen)

Recommendations

Section Non-opioids and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines (NSAIMs)

- Oral > Liquid: 125 mg per 5 mL; 120 mg per 5 mL; 250 mg per 5 mL
- Local > Rectal > Suppository: 100 mg; 250 mg
- Oral > Solid > dispersible tablet: 100 mg; 250 mg
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Indications

Pain

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