

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](#)

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Recommendations

Section

Non-opioids and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines (NSAIDs)

- 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
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 250 mg; 325 mg; 500 mg

Indications

[Pain](#)

Section

Medicines for acute migraine attacks

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Indications

[Migraine](#)