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GUANIMYCIN

rapidly controls most acute diarrhoeas of bacterial origin

GUANIMYCIN contains two powerful antibacterials - streptomycin and sulphaguanidine.

- Oral streptomycin is the antibiotic of choice for the treatment of Sonne dysentery^{1, 2}. Given alone, streptomycin can produce a sterile stool within 24 hours but it sometimes fails to eradicate the infecting organism completely owing to the survival of resistant strains.
- Sulphaguanidine is an established sulphonamide for the treatment of acute diarrhoeal illness and has a different mode of action from that of streptomycin. In Guanimycin the combination of two potent antibacterial agents with differing modes of action, minimizes the risk of the survival of resistant strains.

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FORMULA

Guanimycin is stocked by the pharmacist as a free-flowing powder in bottles to prepare 4 fluid ounces of a smooth, palatable, homogeneous suspension. Each fluid ounce contains 0.25g streptomycin sulphate, 2g sulphaguanidine, and 2g kaolin.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Guanimycin is administered orally, commencing at the earliest possible moment. Adequate fluid intake must be maintained especially in the dehydrated patient, and normal routine non-specific treatment should be carried out.

Adults: One fluid ounce should be given four times a day at four hourly intervals, before food.

Children: ½ fluid ounce every 3 or 4 hours.

Basic NHS cost of GUANIMYCIN is 5/-.

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