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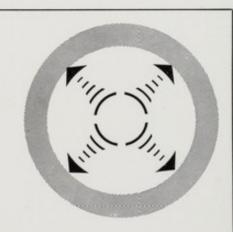
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bamifylline hydrochloride

a simplified and improved therapy for asthma, bronchitis and coronary insufficiency

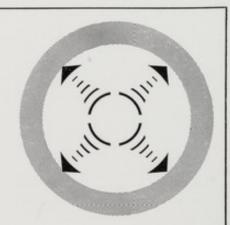
because Trentadil

increases respiratory efficiency improves coronary blood flow rapidly effective within 15–20 minutes does not induce CNS stimulation causes no gastro-intestinal irritation

ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR COMBINATION THERAPY

Trentadil

bronchiole and coronary dilator specific respiratory stimulant



Theophylline and other xanthine derivatives have long been used to dilate bronchioles and coronary arteries but none has so far proved entirely satisfactory as a single therapeutic agent:—

theophylline, being only slightly soluble in water, is poorly absorbed; aminophylline is water soluble because it is associated with a hydrophylic group, but this does not increase its pharmacological activity—both theophylline and aminophylline often cause severe gastro-intestinal irritation; stimulation of the respiratory centre, whether by xanthines or ephedrine, is accompanied by general excitation—hence the classic theophylline/ephedrine/barbiturate combination in the treatment of asthma and bronchitis.

Trentadil is a xanthine derivative with a hydrophylic group as part of the molecule which not only makes it water soluble but increases its pharmacological activity so that the addition of ephedrine is no longer necessary.

Trentadil is a more active analeptic than aminophylline but has no excitatory effect so that patients no longer require concomitant barbiturate therapy.

Trentadil does not cause gastric or intestinal upset.

Trentadil

bamifylline hydrochloride

actions

stimulation of the respiratory centre bronchodilatation coronary dilatation and peripheral vasodilatation biliary and intestinal spasmolysis mild diuresis

main indications

asthma, cardiac insufficiencies, bronchitis, bronchial spasm

presentation

sugar coated tablets containing 300 mg bamifylline hydrochloride in bottle of 100. Basic N.H.S. cost of 100 tablets 25s. plus P.T.

dosage

Initially, or in severe cases, two tablets three times a day For maintenance: one tablet three times a day For the time being Trentadil is limited to hospitals only.

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