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Pacitron
in depression

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INTRODUCING

Pacitron

(L-tryptophan)

**in
depression**

Two major advantages come together.....



efficacy... with far greater safety

Pacitron

Demonstrated effectiveness with no absolute contraindications. With Pacitron advantages include:-

- No known serious consequences from overdosage.
- Pacitron can be used with minimal risk - even in patients with heart disorders.
- There are no anticholinergic effects.

Pacitron - efficacy with far greater safety. Now it is available for your patients.

Prescribing information

Presentation

Film coated, oblong orange-yellow tablets marked PCT 500 each containing L-tryptophan 500 mg

Uses

L-tryptophan is a metabolic precursor of 5-hydroxytryptamine (serotonin) which acts as a neurotransmitter in the central nervous system. It is indicated in endogenous and reactive depression and in depressive phases of manic-depressive psychosis.

Dosage and Administration

Adults: Two tablets three times a day, preferably 8 hourly. The last dose should be taken before bed. Dosage may be increased to a total of 12 tablets daily if required.

Children: There is insufficient evidence to establish paediatric dosage and use is not recommended in children.

L-tryptophan may also be given to patients responding inadequately to monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOI) but when the two are given together the side effects of both may be increased. PACITRON should therefore be introduced more slowly, beginning at 1 tablet daily for the first week and 2 tablets daily for the second. Normal dosage may be given from the third week onwards but PACITRON should be discontinued at once if headache or blurring of vision occurs.

Contraindications, Warnings, etc.

The use of PACITRON should not replace standard management in patients with severe depression and/or a risk of suicide.

There is no absolute contraindication to the use of this dosage of L-tryptophan, which is a normal and essential constituent of the diet. When given along with MAOI it may sometimes provoke a reaction resembling alcoholic intoxication, and when taken

alone it may occasionally cause drowsiness, particularly in the early stages of treatment. Patients should be warned to avoid driving or handling machinery until their reaction is known.

Nausea occurs in a few patients early in treatment, and may be of central origin, but can usually be relieved by taking PACITRON after food.

There is as yet no information on the effects of prolonged administration of PACITRON. It is therefore advised that after 6 month's therapy at full dosage, the patient's condition should be re-assessed with a view to lowering or discontinuing medication unless clear evidence of benefit from the use of the product is present.

The safety of large doses of tryptophan during pregnancy has not been established and use in pregnant women and nursing mothers is not advised.

Treatment of Overdosage

No serious consequences are known to result from overdosage. If vomiting has not occurred, gastric lavage may be worthwhile but treatment should be limited to general supportive measures as necessary.

There is no specific antidote.

Pharmaceutical Precautions

No special precautions.

Package Quantities

100 tablets

Further Information

As with other antidepressant therapy, the full effect of PACITRON may not develop for 2 or 3 weeks and patients should be told this.

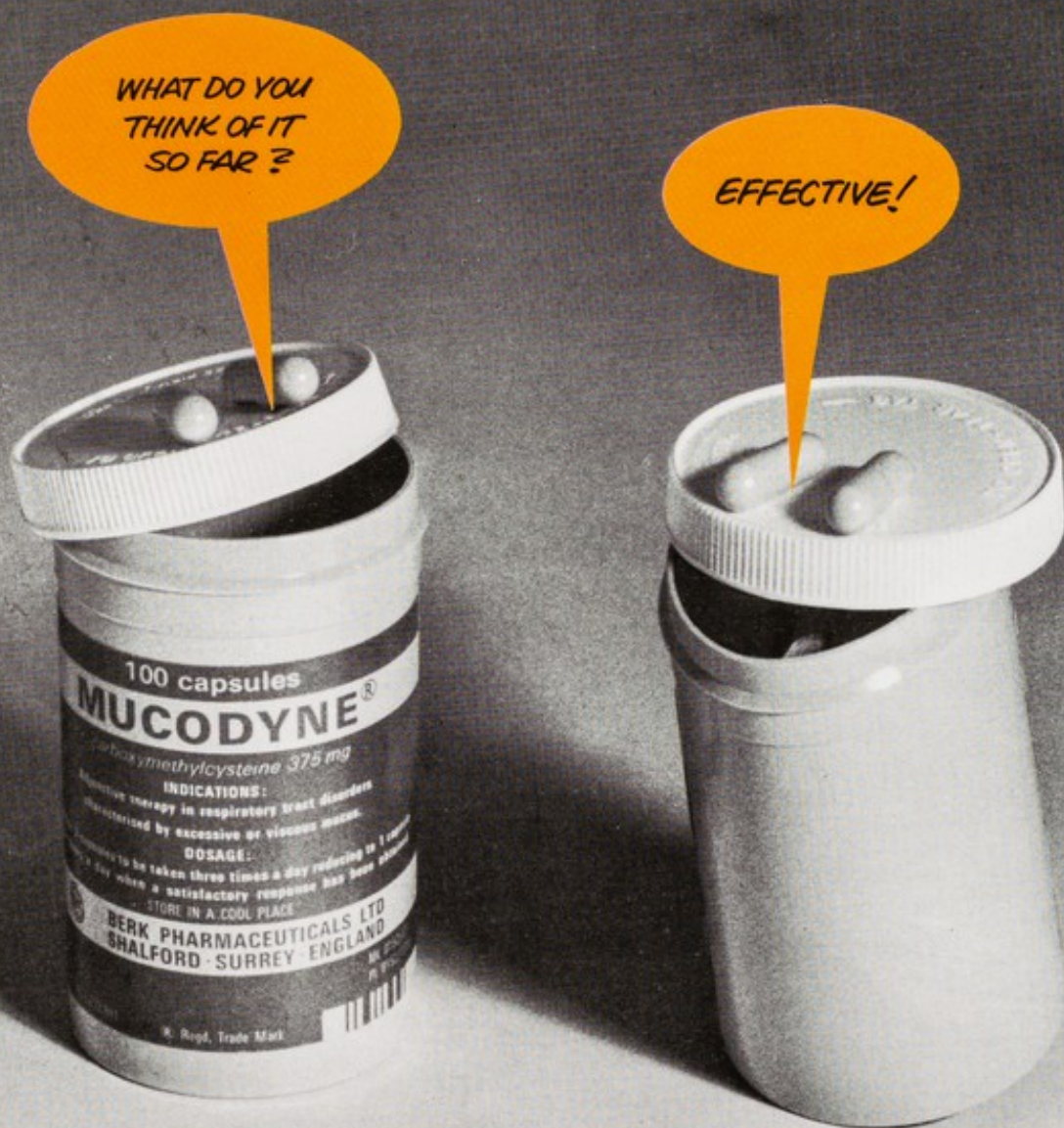
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