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Oral penicillin
for the great mass of patients

Crystapen[®]G



For all practical purposes, on the grounds of performance, palatability and price, oral Crystapen G (penicillin G Glaxo) is the natural first choice for patients requiring oral penicillin therapy.

Performance

The introduction of a number of new oral penicillins, each claiming to give higher blood levels, has led to a certain amount of confusion. The fact is that with all oral penicillins there is considerable variation in the blood levels occurring in different individuals, or in the same individual at various times. From this confusion one simple issue emerges: irrespective of technical aspects, choice must be based on therapeutic efficiency. In this respect no oral penicillin has been shown, in controlled clinical trials, to be superior to the others.

In the absence of therapeutic superiority among oral penicillins, choice must be influenced by secondary considerations, of which the most important is price. Treatment with penicillin G is less costly than with penicillin V and much less expensive than treatment with other oral penicillins.

Indications

Penicillin-susceptible infections: e.g. those due to haemolytic streptococci, pneumococci and susceptible staphylococci. Prophylaxis before and after surgery, dental extractions, to prevent relapses in rheumatic fever.

Dosage

Infants and young children :
62.5 mg to 125 mg
Children : 125 mg to 250 mg
Adults : 250 mg or more.

Doses should be given four times a day, or more frequently if need arises.

Presentation

Crystapen G Tablets :

125 mg and 250 mg per tablet, either sugar-coated or plain.

125 mg (200,000 units) Basic NHS Cost
12 tablets (from dispensing container) 1/7

250 mg (400,000 units)
12 tablets (from dispensing container) 3/1

Crystapen G Syrup :

attractive apricot flavoured syrup, each 5 ml teaspoonful provides 125 mg penicillin G.

60 ml 3/8

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