

Alben®

Albendazole BP Suspension

Alben®-DS

Albendazole BP chewable tablet

DESCRIPTION

Alben® is a preparation of albendazole, which is a broad spectrum anthelmintic. In addition to its vermicial properties, **Alben®** has been found to have both ovicidal and larvicidal activities in man.

INDICATIONS

Alben® is indicated in single and mixed infestations of:

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| <i>Enterobius vermicularis</i> | - Pinworm or threadworm |
| <i>Trichuris trichiura</i> | - Whipworm |
| <i>Ascaris lumbricoides</i> | - Large roundworm |
| <i>Ancylostoma duodenale</i> | - Hookworm |
| <i>Necator americanus</i> | - Hookworm |
| <i>Taenia spp</i> | - Tapeworm |
| <i>Strongyloides stercoralis</i> | - Threadworm |

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Adults or children over 2 years of age: 400 mg (1 **Alben®-DS** tablet or 10 mL suspension) as a single dose in cases of *Enterobius vermicularis*, *Trichuris trichiura*, *Ascaris lumbricoides*, *Ancylostoma duodenale* and *Necator americanus*.

In cases of strongyloidiasis or taeniasis, 400 mg (1 **Alben®-DS** tablet or 10 mL suspension) as a single dose should be given for 3 consecutive days.

If the patient is not cured on follow-up after three weeks, a second course of treatment is indicated. **Alben®-DS** tablets may be chewed, swallowed or crushed and mixed with food. No specific procedures such as fasting or purging are required.

Children of 1-2 years of age:

Recommended dose is a single dose of 200 mg [Half (½) **Alben®-DS** tablet or **Alben®** 5 mL suspension].

Children under 1 years of age:

Not recommended

FURTHER INFORMATION

Hydatid disease: For *Echinococcus granulosus*, adult over 60 kg, medical treatment, 800 mg daily in divided doses for 28 days followed by 14 tablet-free days; up to 3 cycles of treatment may be given. Adjunct in surgical treatment, pre-surgery, 800 mg daily in divided doses for 28 days followed by 14 tablet-free days, repeat cycle once before surgery; post-surgery (if viable cysts after pre-surgery treatment, or if no pre-surgery treatment, or if only short pre-surgery course), 800 mg daily in divided doses for 28 days followed by 14 tablet-free days, repeat cycle once, *Echinococcus multilocularis*, adult over 60 kg, 800 mg daily in divided doses for 28 days followed by 14 tablet-free days; prolonged treatment may be required.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Because albendazole was found to be embryotoxic and teratogenic in rat and rabbit, its use is contraindicated in pregnant women or those likely to be pregnant. For women of childbearing age (15-45 years), **Alben®-DS** should be administered within 7 days of the start of normal menstruation.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

A few cases of gastrointestinal discomfort and headache have been reported, but no definite relationship with the drug has been shown.

PHARMACEUTICAL PRECAUTION

Do not store above 30 °C. Keep away from light and wet place. Keep out of reach of children.

PACKAGING

Alben®-DS tablet : Box containing 5/10 strips of 10 tablets or 12/25 strips of 4 tablets. Each tablet contains Albendazole BP 400 mg.

Alben® Suspension: Amber glass bottle containing 10 mL suspension. Each 5 mL contains Albendazole BP 200 mg.

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