

Clofazimine Fact Sheet

Clofazimine is a drug used for leprosy which has some antituberculosis activity.

Dose: Usual dose 100 mg – 200 mg every day.

Administration: Oral, should be taken with food.

Excretion: 50% in feces, very long serum half-life (10-70 days).

Distribution: Highly lipophilic, found in reticuloendothelial system and macrophages.

Adverse Reactions

Gastrointestinal

1. Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain may respond to reduction in dose.
2. Infarction of intra-abdominal organs has been reported due to crystalline deposition.
3. Use with caution in patients with GI problems such as abdominal pain or diarrhea.

Other

1. Pigmentation (pink to brownish black) in 75% - 100% of patients within a few weeks of treatment. Sun exposure should be avoided. Skin discoloration, although reversible, may take several months to disappear after the conclusion of therapy.
2. Discoloration of conjunctiva, tears, sweat, sputum, urine and feces may occur.
3. May interfere with lab tests for albumin, bilirubin, AST, potassium and eosinophils.