

'Tagamet': the new indication

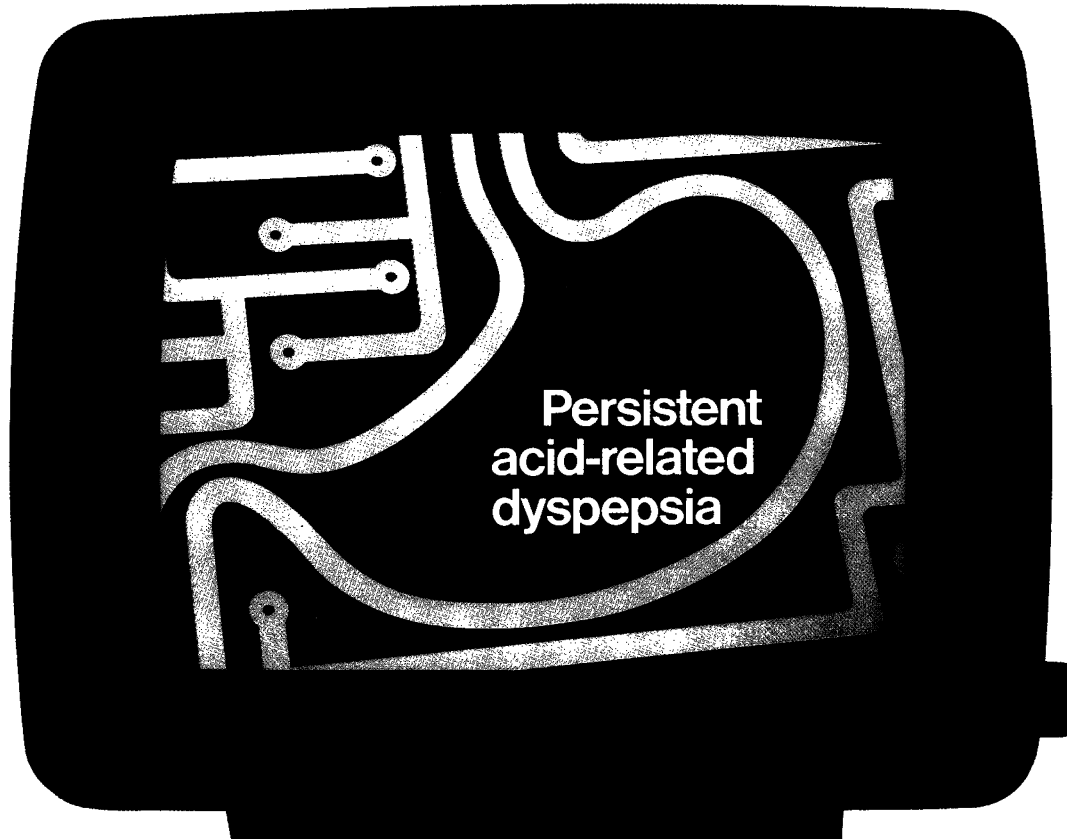
The remarkable symptomatic relief of peptic ulcer pain noted with 'Tagamet' therapy can now be extended to selected dyspepsia patients.

'Tagamet' is now indicated for persistent dyspepsia, particularly meal-related upper abdominal pain, in those

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Prescribing Information. **Presentations** 'Tagamet' Tablets, PL 0002/0092, each containing 400 mg cimetidine. 56, £16.61. 'Tagamet' Tablets, PL 0002/0063, each containing 200 mg cimetidine. 500, £74.15. 'Tagamet' Syrup, PL 0002/0073, containing 200 mg cimetidine per 5 ml. 500 ml, £20.43. **Indications** Duodenal ulcer, benign gastric ulcer, recurrent and stomal ulceration, oesophageal reflux disease. Other conditions where reduction of gastric acid is beneficial: persistent dyspeptic symptoms, particularly meal-related; prophylaxis of stress-induced gastrointestinal haemorrhage and of acid aspiration (Mendelson's) syndrome; malabsorption and fluid loss in short bowel syndrome. Zollinger-Ellison syndrome. **Dosage Adults.** *Oral.* Usual dosage, 400 mg b.d. with breakfast and at bedtime, or, in duodenal ulcer, 800 mg once a day at bedtime. Alternatively 200 mg t.d.s. with meals and 400 mg at bedtime (1.0 g/day) or, if inadequate, 400 mg q.d.s. with meals and at bedtime (1.6 g/day). Treat for at least 4 weeks (6 weeks in benign gastric ulcer). To prevent relapse of peptic ulcer, 400 mg at bedtime or 400 mg morning and at bedtime. *Oesophageal reflux disease*, 400 mg t.d.s. with meals and 400 mg at bedtime (1.6 g/day) for 4 to 8 weeks. *Prophylaxis of stress-induced gastrointestinal haemorrhage*, up to 2.4 g a day, divided, to maintain intragastric pH above 4. *Prophylaxis of acid aspiration syndrome*, 400 mg 90-120 mins before induction of general anaesthesia; up to this dose repeated (parenterally if appropriate) as required if operation is prolonged. 400 mg at start of labour then 200 mg 2-hourly as necessary, suggested maximum 1.6 g. Do not use 'Tagamet' syrup. *Zollinger-Ellison syndrome*, 1.6 g or more a day, divided. *N.B.* Usual maximum 2.4 g/day. *For full dosage instructions see Data Sheet.* **Cautions** Impaired renal function: reduce dosage (see Data Sheet). Potentiation of oral anticoagulants, phenytoin and theophylline (see Data Sheet). Prolonged treatment: observe patients periodically. Potential delay in diagnosis of gastric cancer (see Data Sheet). Care in patients with compromised bone marrow (see Data Sheet). Avoid during pregnancy and lactation. **Adverse reactions** Diarrhoea, dizziness, rash, tiredness. Rarely, mild gynaecomastia, reversible liver damage, confusional states (usually in the elderly or very ill), interstitial nephritis, acute pancreatitis. **Legal category** POM. 11.5.84.

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COMBINED REPORTS ON PREVENTION

Reports from General Practice 18-21

The College's campaign for health promotion and disease prevention in general practice was signalled by the publication in the years 1981-83 of a series of documents on different aspects of preventive medicine in general practice.

Although at the time these were distributed free of charge with the *Journal* to all Fellows, Members and Associates of the College, the steady demand for these documents has led to several of them going out of print.

Combined Reports on Prevention thus brings together between one set of covers *Reports from General Practice 18, 19, 20 and 21*. These four together can now be obtained from the Publications Sales Office, Royal College of General Practitioners, 8 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JE, price £4.50 including postage. Payment should be made with order.

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES, PROBLEMS AND PROCEDURES 1984

Occasional Paper 26

The new College classification of health problems from the Manchester Research Unit of the Royal College of General Practitioners is a major academic event. This is the first time that the old College classification has been blended thoroughly with the *International Classification of Disease* and that it has been made available in both electronic and printed form.

The printed version, published as *Occasional Paper 26*, describes the background of the classification, offers guidance on its use, and gives the classification in full, first in code order and then in alphabetical groups.

Approved by the Council of the College in 1983, this is likely to be the definitive text on classification in general practice for many years.

Classification of Diseases, Problems and Procedures 1984, Occasional Paper 26, can be obtained from the Publications Sales Office, Royal College of General Practitioners, 8 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JE, price £4.75 including postage. Payment should be made with order.



COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION

Charges for college accommodation are reduced for Fellows, Members and Associates. Members of overseas colleges are welcome when rooms are available, but pay the full rate. All charges for accommodation include a substantial breakfast and now include service and VAT.

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Penthouse (self-catering with kitchen)	£60	£90

Reception rooms are available for booking by outside organizations as well as by Members. All hirings are subject to approval, and the charges include VAT and service. A surcharge may be made for weekend bookings.

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Long room	£105	£210
John Hunt Room	£70	£140
Common room and terrace	£70	£140
Dining room	£35	£70

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Royal College of General Practitioners
14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park
London SW7 1PU. Telephone: 01-581 3232.

Whenever possible, bookings should be made well in advance and in writing. Telephone bookings can be accepted only between 08.30 and 18.00 on Mondays to Fridays. Outside these hours, an Ansafone service is available.

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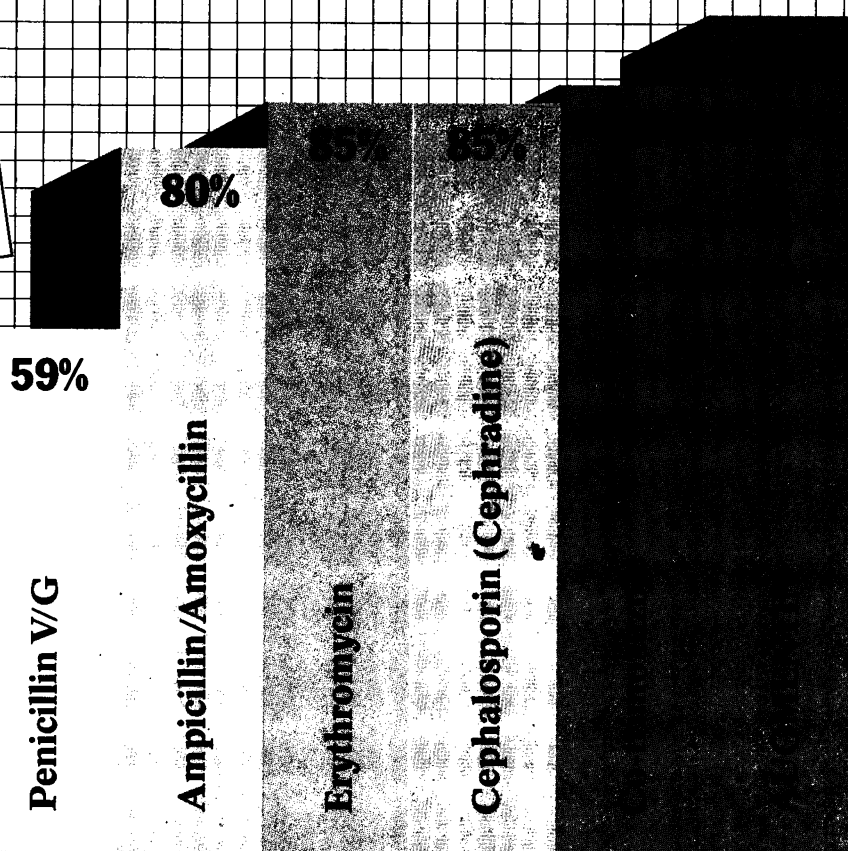
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Brit. Med. J. (1984) 289 82-3.



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Prescribing Information

USES: Chest, ENT, Genito-urinary tract, Skin and soft tissue infections.

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Children 6-12 years: 5 ml Augmentin Junior Suspension (187 mg) three times a day.

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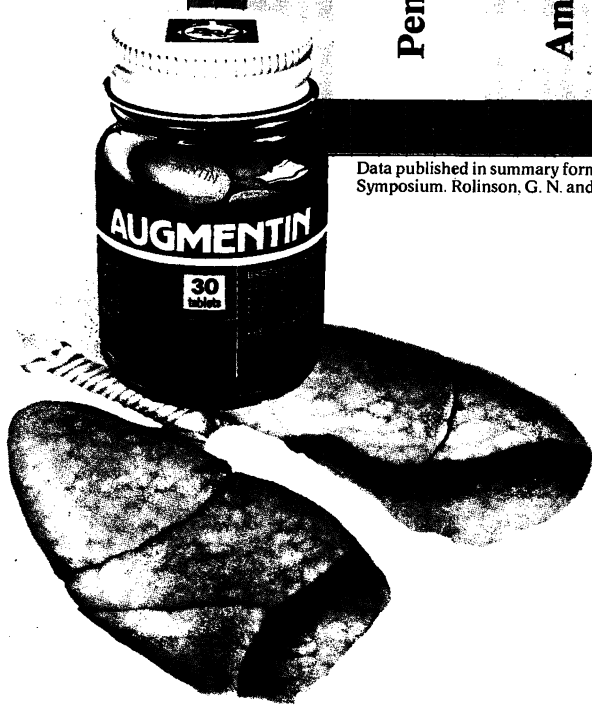
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The clavulanic acid is present as potassium clavulanate and the amoxycillin as the trihydrate. All the above presentations are sugar-free formulations.

October 1983

Further information is available on request to the Company.

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Present State and Future Needs in General Practice	£5.50
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Notes for Lecturers	£1.00
Epidemiology in Country Practice	£5.50‡
Will Pickles of Wensleydale	£10.50‡

* £1.00 and † £2.00 less for members of the College

‡ If ordered together, these two books can be obtained at the reduced price of £13.00.

WILLIAM PICKLES

William Pickles was one of the outstanding general practitioners of our time. His *Epidemiology in Country Practice*, first published in 1939, was reprinted by the College as a limited facsimile edition in 1972 but has not been available now for some years. Similarly his biography *Will Pickles of Wensleydale* by Professor John Pemberton, who was both a friend and colleague, is also out of print.

The College has republished both books simultaneously. *Epidemiology in Country Practice* is a classic example of original research carried out in general practice and *Will Pickles of Wensleydale* is the definitive biography of Pickles written in a pleasing and easy-to-read style. These two books, which both separately and together contribute to the history of general practice, can be warmly recommended.

The books are available from the Publications Sales Office, Royal College of General Practitioners, 8 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JE. *Epidemiology in Country Practice* is £5.50, *Will Pickles of Wensleydale* is £10.50; if ordered together the two books can be bought at the reduced price of £13.00. All prices include postage, and payment should be made with order.

CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION FOR GENERAL PRACTICE

Occasional Paper 27

How do general practitioners care for common clinical conditions? How much are they influenced by what they know and what they don't know? Are trainers any different and what would consultants feel about these clinical standards anyway? These and other controversial subjects have been tackled by Dr H. W. K. Acheson of the Department of General Practice, University of Manchester.

In a study carried out by postal questionnaire, Dr Acheson asked groups of practitioners what action they would take in relation to seven common clinical conditions and as a yardstick asked the same questions of groups of consultants in the specialties concerned. The answers are not only thought-provoking in themselves but have implications for undergraduate, vocational, and continuing education for general practice.

Clinical Knowledge and Education for General Practice, Occasional Paper 27, is available from the Publications Sales Office, Royal College of General Practitioners, 8 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JE, price £3.50 including postage. Payment should be made with order.

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The inclusion of an advertisement in this *Journal* does not imply any recommendation and the Editor reserves the right to refuse any advertisement. All recruitment advertisements in this section are open to both men and women.

Opinions expressed in *The Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners* and the supplements should not be taken to represent the policy of the Royal College of General Practitioners unless this is specifically stated.

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Applications for 12 places in this approved three-year scheme are invited from medical graduates who wish to train for a career in general practice and who are fully registered on 1 August 1985.

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Doctors completing the three year training programme in Aberdeen will be eligible to sit the examination of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Those wishing to be considered for the intake on 1 August 1985 should complete and return by 31 January 1985 an application form obtainable from: Chief Administrative Medical Officer, Grampian Health Board, P.O. Box 119, 1-7 Albyn Place, Aberdeen AB9 8QP. Details of the training schedule will be sent out with the application form, but any additional enquiries about the scheme may be addressed to: Dr Denis Durno, Regional Adviser in General Practice, Department of General Practice, Foresterhill Health Centre, Westburn Road, Aberdeen AB9 2AY.

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Applications are invited for a post of Reader/Senior Lecturer in General Practice to be located initially in the Department of Medicine.

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Annual salaries (superannuable) are: Reader (fixed): HK\$415,500 (£41,550 approx.); Senior Lecturer (6-point scale): HK\$349,200 – 393,600 (£34,920 – £39,360 approx.) (Sterling equivalent as at 8 October 1984). Starting salary will depend on qualifications and experience.

At current rates, salaries tax will not exceed 17% of gross income. Housing at a rental of 7½% of salary, children's education allowances, leave and medical benefits are provided.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF, or from the Appointments Unit, Secretary's Office, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. Closing date: 31 December 1984.

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The opportunity to assist Calabar develop this Department, in close co-operation with the Department of Community Health, is of particular importance to the University, and possibly to the country as a whole. A postgraduate residency programme for the FMCGP of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria is also being started.

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Candidates are required to submit six typewritten copies of applications and curriculum vitae, indicating full name, post sought, date and place of birth, nationality, current postal address, permanent home address, marital status, number, sexes and ages of children, academic/professional qualifications with dates (photocopies of all certificates to be attached). Working experience (giving posts held and duration) present employment, status and salary, details of publications and research, community service, name and addresses of three referees who know you professionally to: The Acting Director, Nigerian Universities Office, 180 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 9LE. The closing date is 14 January 1985. Please request referees to send their reports to the above address.



Royal Postgraduate Medical School

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Course in Advanced Medicine for General Practitioners

18 – 22 February 1985

Applications are invited from general practitioners for the above course which will be held at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital.

The course will aim to cover recent advances in many aspects of medicine. Lectures on a wide range of subjects will be given by senior staff and their content will reflect the current clinical and research interests of the School.

Application forms and further details are available from: School Office (SSC), Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Road, London W12 0HS. Telephone: 01-743 2030, ext. 351.

General practitioners will be charged a £30 catering fee. Non-general practitioners will be charged a course fee of £150.

This course has full Section 63 approval

VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR GENERAL PRACTICE

Applications are invited for 12 places on the Leicester Vocational Training Scheme which has a close liaison with the Department of Community Health at the University of Leicester Medical School.

The Course commences on 1 October 1985 for the complete three year programme, which includes an introductory three-month appointment in a training practice, successive six-month appointments as Senior House Officer in four hospital posts, and a final nine-month appointment in the original training practice.

A wide variety of hospital posts relevant to general practice are available from which candidates will be offered a selection, including general medicine, paediatrics, geriatrics, obstetrics, psychiatry, accident and emergency, ophthalmology, dermatology and ENT. A Half-Day Release Course is held throughout the three years, with an emphasis on small group work. The Course is recognized for the MRCP, DCH and DRCOG.

Further details and application form can be obtained from the Scheme Supervisor, Dr Judith Millac, c/o Mrs Jeanne Emberson, Postgraduate Medical Centre, The Leicester Royal Infirmary, Infirmary Square, Leicester LE1 5WW. Closing date for applications is Tuesday, 5 February 1985.



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Further particulars may be obtained from the Senior Assistant Registrar (FP), The University, 6 Kensington Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU, with whom applications (3 copies), together with the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made, should be lodged not later than 22nd December, 1984. Please quote reference RCGP.

34th International Congress on General Practice

Organized by the Societas Internationalis Medicinæ Generalis (SIMG) 16–21 September 1985, Klagenfurt (University), Austria.

Topics:

Monday *Psychosomatic problems in general practice*
Tuesday *Diagnostic problems*
Wednesday *Patients coping with illness—support by the GP*
Thursday *Research forum*
Friday *The quality of life*
Saturday *Methods of clinicopharmacological trials in the different countries.*

Congress languages: Mon, Tues, Wed—German; Thurs, Fri, Sat—English—French—German (simultaneously).

Deadline for the submission of papers: 1 January 1985.
Head of congress: OMR Dr Gottfried Heller, FRCGP, A-9020 Klagenfurt, Bahnhofstrasse 22, Austria. Tel: (04222) 55449.

COMPUTERS IN PRIMARY CARE

Occasional Paper 13

Computers are coming. More and more general practitioners are computerizing aspects of their record systems in general medical practice.

Computers in Primary Care is the report of a working party of the Royal College of General Practitioners which describes the possibilities currently available and looks into the future, discussing both technical and financial aspects.

The members of this working party have between them considerable experience of using computers in general practice. Together they summarize the experience and philosophy which they have acquired which enables them to put forward a series of conclusions and recommendations for the future.

Computers in Primary Care was reprinted in 1982, and is available from the Publications Sales Office, Royal College of General Practitioners, 8 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JE, price £3.00 post free. Payment should be made with order.

HEALTHIER CHILDREN — THINKING PREVENTION

Report from General Practice 22

The care of children is one of the most important and most rapidly developing aspects of modern general practice. *Healthier Children—Thinking Prevention* describes in detail the general principles which govern the care of children within the framework of family practice and includes detailed schedules of examinations appropriate to the primary health care team. Other sections include analysis of doctor/patient relationships, teamwork, and principles of remuneration. A number of new ideas are described on monitoring, both in the practice and in the region, and new evidence is presented to show why general practice is now ready to undertake the health surveillance of children. Ideas for training are also discussed, both for doctors and other health professionals.

Healthier Children—Thinking Prevention, Report from General Practice 22, is available from the Publications Sales Office, Royal College of General Practitioners, 8 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JE, price £5.50, including postage. Payment should be made with order.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER HOSPITALS

Occasional Paper 23

General Practitioner Hospitals is the report of a working party of the Royal College of General Practitioners which reviews the history and literature on this subject.

A service including 350 hospitals providing care for over two million patients and involving about a sixth of all British general practitioners merits considerable attention and this document guides readers towards several of the main issues which are as yet unresolved.

General Practitioner Hospitals, Occasional Paper 23, can be obtained from the Publications Sales Office, Royal College of General Practitioners, 8 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JE, price £3.00 including postage. Payment should be made with order.

NOTES FOR LECTURERS

Lecturing is an activity which general practitioners are undertaking more and more as undergraduate medical education, vocational training and continuing education slowly expand. However, despite the quantity of lecturing which occurs, there are still occasions when audiences are left feeling that the content of the lecture was spoilt by its presentation.

Notes for Lecturers, a booklet compiled by Clive Froggatt and David Pendleton, provides a few clear guidelines appropriate for all lecturers to help them make the best of their material and avoid some of the common pitfalls. It includes advice on both text and audiovisual aids.

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Prescribing Information

Indications:

Commonly occurring bacterial infections of the upper and lower respiratory tract, urinary tract, skin and soft tissue.

Presentations:

Amoxil syrup: 125mg and syrup forte

250mg per 5ml PL.0038/0108/9

Amoxil paediatric suspension: 125mg

per 125ml PL.0038/0107

Amoxil capsules: 250mg and 500mg

PL.0038/0103/5

▼ Amoxil dispersible tablets: 500mg

PL.0038/0277

▼ Amoxil 3g sachet: PL.0038/0238

▼ Amoxil vials for injection: 250mg,

500mg and 1g PL.0038/0221/2/5

The amoxycillin content per dose unit is present as the trihydrate in Amoxil oral preparations and as the sodium salt in Amoxil injections.

Average treatment cost: children

28p/day (125mg syrup t.d.s.) adults

49p/day (250mg capsules t.d.s.).

Dispersible tablet: 35p per tablet

(30 pack), 3g Sachet £1.98 per sachet.

Dosage

Children's Dosage (up to 10 years)

Oral: 125mg three times a day.

In severe infections doses should

be doubled.

Injectable: 50-100mg/kg bodyweight per day in divided doses.

Adult Dosage

Oral: 250mg three times a day.

In severe infections doses should be doubled.

Injectable: 500mg IM 8 hourly (or more frequently if necessary) in moderate infections. 1g IV 6 hourly in severe infections.

Contra-Indications

Amoxil is a penicillin and should not be given to penicillin hypersensitive patients. Side-effects, as with other penicillins, are usually of a mild and transitory nature: they may include diarrhoea or indigestion. Occasionally a rash may occur, in which case treatment should be discontinued. Since Amoxil is a penicillin, problems of overdosage are unlikely to be encountered.

Further information on Amoxil (amoxycillin) is available from:

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