



ADULT MEDICATION GUIDELINE

ALBENDAZOLE

Scope (Staff):	All WNHS Staff
Scope (Area):	Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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Medication Class

Anthelmintic - benzimidazole

Presentation

Tablet: 200mg

Storage

Store at room temperature, below 25°C

Dose

Threadworm, roundworm, hookworm infection:

Oral:

400mg as a single dose

For threadworm, consider repeating the dose after TWO weeks due to the frequency of re-infection

Strongyloidiasis

Oral:

400mg with fatty food, 12 hourly for 3 days.

Repeat course after 7 to 14 days.

Refer to [Therapeutic Guidelines \(eTG\)](#) for all other infections

Administration

Oral

Take on empty stomach for intestinal infections

Take with food for systemic infections

Monitoring

Monitor liver function and blood counts during prolonged treatment

Pregnancy

1st Trimester: Consider alternative

2nd Trimester: Consider alternative

3rd Trimester: Consider alternative

Breastfeeding

Considered safe to use

Comments

Related Policies, Procedures & Guidelines

HDWA Mandatory Policies:

[Formulary one](#)

WNHS Clinical Practice Guidelines:

[Antimicrobial Restriction Category List](#)









WNHS Pharmaceutical and Medicines Management Guidelines:

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