

# Medication Analysis Report

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## Medication Overview

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**Name:**

Paracetamol

**Drug Class:** Non-opioid analgesic and antipyretic

**Analysis Confidence:** 0.95/1.00

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## Mechanism of Action

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Paracetamol selectively inhibits cyclooxygenase (COX-2 and COX-3) enzymes in the central nervous system, reducing prostaglandin synthesis responsible for pain and fever. It exhibits minimal peripheral anti-inflammatory activity compared to NSAIDs. Additional mechanisms include activation of descendi...

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# Pharmacokinetics Summary

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- **Absorption:** Paracetamol is rapidly absorbed from the small intestine with bioavailability of 70-90% due to first...
- **Metabolism:** Hepatic metabolism predominates: 50-60% glucuronidation, 25-35% sulfation, 5-10% CYP2E1-mediated oxi...
- **Elimination:** Primarily renal excretion of metabolites (glucuronide 55%, sulfate 30%, cysteine/mercapturic acid 10...
- **Half-Life:** 1-4 hours (mean 2-3 hours) in healthy adults; prolonged to 5-8 hours in hepatic impairment, neonates, or malnutrition.  
Therapeutic range monitoring uses Rumack-Matthew nomogram in overdose.

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## Key Safety Information

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### BLACK BOX WARNINGS

1. Severe liver injury may occur with therapeutic doses exceeding 4000 mg/day or lower in risk factors (alcohol, malnutrition); check total daily dose from all sources.
2. Overdosage (>7.5-10 g acute) risks fulminant hepatic failure requiring transplant; antidotal therapy with N-acetylcysteine within 8-24 hours critical.
3. Risk increased 3-4 fold with chronic alcohol use (>3 drinks/day).

### Contraindications (4 identified)

- **N/A** (N/A)
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- (and 1 more - see detailed report)

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## Interactions Summary

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### SEVERE Drug Interactions (1)

- **Chronic alcohol**
- Effect: Hepatotoxicity at therapeutic doses....
- Management: Limit to 2000 mg/day; counsel abstinence....

### Moderate Drug Interactions (2)

- **Warfarin**: Elevated INR, bleeding risk....
- **Carbamazepine**: Decreased efficacy; risk compensatory overuse....

### Food Interactions (2)

- **High-fat meals**: Administer 30 min before meals if rapid onset needed....
- **Alcohol (acute/chronic)**: Avoid concurrent use; separate by >6 hours if unavoidable....

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## Recommendations

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### What TO DO:

#### 1. N/A

- Prevents inadvertent overdose; multi-source use causes 30-50% of hepatotoxicity cases....

2. **N/A**

- Replenishes glutathione; survival >95% if <8 hours post-ingestion....

3. **N/A**

- Prolonged half-life increases accumulation; RCTs show safety up to 3 g/day....

**What NOT TO DO:**

1. **Do not exceed 4000 mg/day total from all formulations.**

- N/A...

2. **Avoid concurrent 3+ alcoholic drinks daily.**

- N/A...

3. **Do not use extended-release with immediate-release concurrently.**

- N/A...

**Debunked Claims:**

1. **Paracetamol is safe with moderate alcohol (1-2 drinks/day).**

- Induces CYP2E1 even with moderate intake per pharmacokinetic studies....

2. **Paracetamol cures the common cold or flu.**

- Symptomatic relief only; no antiviral activity per RCTs....

### **3. Daily paracetamol prevents headaches indefinitely.**

- Risks medication-overuse headache after 10-15 days/month....

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**For complete details including all interactions, dosing adjustments, and comprehensive recommendations, see the detailed report.**

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

This analysis is for educational and research purposes only. Always consult qualified healthcare providers for medication decisions.