

ANALGESIC MEDICATIONS (REFERENCE)

PARACETAMOL (ACETAMINOPHEN)

Used by All Service Members (ASM), Combat Lifesavers (CLS) and Combat Medics (CM)

Non-narcotic analgesic and antipyretic

For mild to moderate pain management with a casualty that is still able to fight.

DOSAGE(S):

500 mg, 2 PO every 8 hours

ROUTE(S):

PO

CONTRA-INDICATIONS:

Acetaminophen hypersensitivity, use with alcohol, considered relatively safe in pregnancy, if clinically indicated

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

Rash, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, lethargy, diaphoresis, chills or abdominal pain with acute poisoning, elevated LFTs, hypoglycemia and hepatorenal failure with hepatic toxicity

DRUG INTERACTIONS:

Cholestyramine may decrease absorption, barbiturates, carbamazepine, phenytoin, rifampin, and excessive alcohol use may increase potential for hepatotoxicity

ONSET/PEAK/DURATION: 20-45 min/1-2 hr/3-4 hr

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS: Minimal to no mission impact; DO NOT give to K-9 casualties.



