**Praziquantel:**

Class: Anthelmintic.

Indications:

Treatment of all stages of schistosomiasis caused by all *Schistosoma* species; treatment of infection (clonorchiasis and opisthorchiasis) due to liver flukes.

Available dosage form in the hospital: 600 MG.

Dosage:

- **Schistosomiasis:** Oral: 20 mg/kg/dose 3 times/day for 1 day at 4- to 6-hour intervals

- **Clonorchiasis/opisthorchiasis:** Oral: 25 mg/kg/dose 3 times/day for 1 day at 4- to 6-hour intervals

- **Cysticercosis (unlabeled use):** Oral: 50 mg/kg/day divided every 8 hours for 14 days (Takayanagui, 2004)

- **Tapeworms (unlabeled use):** Oral: 5-10 mg/kg as a single dose (25 mg/kg for *Hymenolepis nana*) (Liu, 1996)

Common side effect:

- Central nervous system: Dizziness, fever, headache, malaise
- Gastrointestinal: Abdominal discomfort, nausea

Pregnancy Risk Factor: B