

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