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חברת פרופארם בע"מ מודיעה על העדכונים הבאים בעלון לרופא של התכשיר:

## CHLORAMPHENICOL FISIOPHARMA 1G

### כלורמפניקול פיזיופארמה 1 גרם

חומר פעיל: CHLORAMPHENICOL 1 GRAM

צורת מינון: POWDER FOR SOLUTION FOR INJECTION

צורת המתן: I. V.

עדכונים בעלון לרופא

#### התוויה כפי שאושרה בתעודת הרישום:

Chloramphenicol is active against several bacteria in the following infections:

- Typhoid fever and salmonellosis (*Salmonella typhi*);
  - Bacterial meningitis (*Haemophilus influenzae*, *Neisseria meningitidis*);
  - Rickettiosis (*Rickettsia*);
  - Brucellosis (*Brucella*);
  - Psittacosis (*Chlamydophila psittaci*);
  - Lymphogranuloma Venereum (Lymphogranuloma-psittacosis);
  - Urinary infection caused by gram-negative bacteria;
  - Infections caused by anaerobic bacteria (*Cocci gram-positive cocci*, *Clostridium*).
- and is indicated when oral administration is contraindicated or not feasible due to vomiting, diarrhea or severe sepsis.

ברצוננו להודיע שהעלון עודכן, בפירוט שלהלן כלולים העדכונים העיקריים בלבד (תוספות / שינויים מסומנים באדום והחמרות/מידע חדש על רקע צהוב):

### 3. PHARMACUTICLA FORM

Powder for solution for injection for intravenous use.

White or yellowish-white powder.

### 4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

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#### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

Chloramphenicol Fisiopharma is for ~~intravenous use~~. The product should be administered via the intravenous use. The following route.

~~Recommended dosages~~ Recommended dosages are recommended:

##### Adults and adolescents

The recommended dose for the treatment of most infections is 50-100 mg/kg/day divided into 4 daily administrations (1 administration every 6 hours).

##### Infants up to 2 weeks

The recommended dose for the treatment of most infections is 25 mg/kg/day divided into 4 daily administrations (1 administration every 6 hours).

For infants under up to 1 week or weighing less than 2 kg the recommended dose is 25 mg/kg/day every 24 hours (1 administration ~~once~~ daily).

For infants over 1 week and weighing more than 2 kg, the recommended dose is 25 mg/kg/day divided into 2 daily administrations (1 administration every 12 hours).



#### Infants over 2 weeks and children (up to 12 years)

The recommended dose for the treatment of most infections is 50 mg/kg/day divided into 4 daily administrations (1 administration every 6 hours).

#### Impaired renal function

Although chloramphenicol does not accumulate significantly even in the presence of reduced impaired renal function, the affected patients with this condition may find more difficult have reduced ability to eliminate the drug and may need require a dosage adjustment. To determine Concentration of the drug in the blood should be frequently monitored to establish if a the dosage adjustment is necessary, blood levels of the drug should be monitored frequently.

#### Impaired hepatic function

Patients with impairment of hepatic a reduced liver function may have a reduced ability to eliminate the drug and, therefore, the dosage adjustment may be necessary required. To determine if a dosage adjustment is necessary, blood levels Concentration of the drug in the blood should be monitored to establish if the dosage adjustment is necessary.

For patients with impaired hepatic impairment it is recommended to use function, a loading dose of 1 g followed by 500 mg every 6 hours is recommended. Dosage of 500 mg every 6 hours is recommended in For patients with liver cirrhosis the recommended dose is 500 mg every 6 hours.

For patients suffering from with jaundice, the dosage of 25 mg/kg/day should must not be exceeded.

#### Dialysis patients on dialysis

The amount of drug removed from by haemodialysis cannot is not such as to justify a dosage adjustment in all the cases.

There is no need to change the The dosage should not be adjusted in patients undergoing continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD) or continuous arterio-venous hemofiltration (CAVH).

The injectable solution for injection should must be prepared extemporaneously by dissolving the powder in water for injectable preparations, saline solution or 5% glucose solution, at the desired concentrations.

### **4.3 Contraindications**

- Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients;
- Bone marrow depression;
- Breastfeeding (see the section 4.6).

Chloramphenicol must should not be administered for used in the treatment of minor trivial infections or for prophylaxis.

Chloramphenicol may interfere with the immunity mechanisms and should must not be administered during the phase of active immunisation phase (see section 4.5).

### **4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use**

Limit the administration of Treatment with the antibiotic strictly to should not be continued longer than the period indicated by the specific recommendations for each infection, possibly no later longer than 2 weeks. Close monitoring of the blood levels during During the treatment is recommended.

Administration of with chloramphenicol it is necessary to carefully monitor the haematological parameters.

In fact, the administration of chloramphenicol, in high dosages doses and for prolonged and repeated courses may cause therapies, can include the onset of aplastic anaemia, that may be detected detectable even weeks or months after the treatment discontinuation of treatment.

Chloramphenicol must be In patients with impaired blood flow, chloramphenicol should be used with great caution in patients with blood dyscrasias. In prolonged or repeated treatment, the therapies, blood pressure must be frequently monitored frequently, stopping and the treatment should be interrupted immediately if the leukocytes drop decrease below 4000 per mm<sup>3</sup> and the granulocytes decrease by of



0% (unless it is an inherent leukopenic infection ~~they are leukopenising infections in themselves~~ such as fever-typhoid fever); late complications ~~are possible~~ **may occur**.

The use of chloramphenicol may also ~~lead to~~ **result in** a decrease in prothrombin time ~~due to the~~ **for** inhibition of the intestinal **bacterial** flora **that produces** producing vitamin K.

In patients ~~suffering from~~ **suffering from** with hepatic or renal ~~failure~~ **insufficiency**, dose adjustment may be necessary (see section 4.2 Posology and method of administration).

Treatment with chloramphenicol, as with other antibiotics, may result in superinfections ~~due to~~ **with** insensitive bacterial agents or fungi.

#### 4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Chloramphenicol is an inhibitor of P450-cytochrome ~~P450 and, therefore, that~~ **may result in an** increase in the half-life of ~~several various~~ **several** drugs with consequent increase ~~in~~ **of** their toxicity. Chloramphenicol decreases the metabolism of the following drugs:

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- hypoglycaemic sulphonamides (tolbutamide, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, etc.): chloramphenicol ~~can~~ **may** cause an excessive hypoglycaemic response;

[...]

Furthermore, chloramphenicol may interfere with immunity mechanisms and should not be administered during the active immunisation phase, ~~for example such as~~ **for example** such as with tetanus toxoid or live typhoid vaccine.

Chloramphenicol may ~~result in~~ **give** a false positive result in the test that ~~exploits~~ **uses** the copper reduction method for the determination of glucose in urine. In patients treated with chloramphenicol, urine tests based on glucose oxidase reactions should be used.

#### 4.6 Pregnancy and breastfeeding

##### Pregnancy

Data ~~on~~ **obtained with** a large number of exposed pregnancies ~~do not~~ **do not** indicate ~~no~~ **no** particular ~~side~~ **undesirable** effects of chloramphenicol on pregnancy and on the health of the foetus/newborn, with the exception of the ~~late~~ **late** final stages of pregnancy, during which "gray baby syndrome" ~~may occur~~, sometimes even **lethal, may occur** (fatal (see section 4.8). Therefore, chloramphenicol should not be used during the pregnancy unless ~~absolutely~~ **clearly** necessary.

##### Breastfeeding

Chloramphenicol is excreted in ~~breast~~ **human** milk. Although chloramphenicol concentrations are probably too low to induce "gray baby syndrome" (see section 4.8), this risk cannot be completely excluded. ~~Furthermore~~ **In addition, the** bone marrow depression or other serious adverse effects ~~to~~ **in** the infant may occur. Therefore, chloramphenicol should not be ~~administered~~ **used** during the breastfeeding **period**.

#### 4.7 Effects on **the** ability to drive and use machines

Chloramphenicol Fisiopharma does not ~~alter~~ **affect** the ability to drive and use machines.

#### 4.8 Undesirable effects

~~Below, The following are the undesirable effects of chloramphenicol~~ **organized** ~~categorised~~ according to the MedDRA ~~organic~~ **system** ~~classification are described.~~ **organ-class.** ~~Insufficient~~ **There are insufficient** data ~~are available~~ to establish the frequency of the ~~single listed~~ **individual** effects ~~listed~~.

##### Disorders of the Blood and lymphatic system **disorders**

Bone marrow depression: it ~~can~~ **may** occur in two different forms: the first, dose-dependent ~~form~~ **is** characterised by agranulocytosis, anaemia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia and reticulocytopenia; the



second form that is not-dose-related, is a very severe form of aplastic anaemia **which** that develops after a latency period of weeks or even months.

Depression of erythropoiesis is more frequent in patients with hepatic or renal insufficiency **kidney failure**.

*Trauma, poisoning and procedure complications.*

“Grey baby syndrome”: this toxic manifestation **is** has been observed in new-borns **who have been who are** given high doses of chloramphenicol. It is characterised by abdominal distension, vomiting, ash **coloury** skin, hypothermia, progressive cyanosis, circulatory collapse and death within **a few** hours or days. It appears that the cause may be the lack of glucuron**oconjugation**ide-conjugation of chloramphenicol, due to inadequate hepatic glucuronyltransferase activity during the first weeks of **the** neonatal life, and inadequate renal excretion of the unconjugated drug.

[...]

*Infections and infestations*

Jarisch-Herxheimer reaction, characterised by **shivers**chills, headache, fever and mucocutaneous lesions.

#### 4.9 Overdose

An overdose increases the risk of **mainly**complications especially haematological complications related to the direct toxicity of chloramphenicol (see section 4.8 Undesirable effects).

Chloramphenicol is only partially removed from the blood **through the**by peritoneal dialysis or haemodialysis. ~~In infants, both full~~ **Both complete** blood transfusions and charcoal haemoperfusion ~~were used~~ for chloramphenicol overdoses **were used in newborns**.

## 5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

### 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antibacterials for systemic use, **carbapenems**, ATC code: J01BA01.

Chloramphenicol is a broad-spectrum antibiotic **with a bacteriostatic action**...

**Generally susceptible**The generally sensitive microbial species ( $\text{mic} \leq \text{CMI-5 } \mu\text{g/ml}$ ) are: ...

The microbial species **which** that are not always sensitive: Staphylococci, Enterococci, Colibacilli, Klebsiella, Proteus.

~~On the other hand,~~†The following species are resistant ( $\text{mic} \geq \text{CMI-25 } \mu\text{g/ml}$ ): Serratia, Acinetobacter, Pseudomonas.

[...]

**You may have** cross-resistance to thiamphenicol ~~may occur~~. Pseudomonas aeruginosa and **certain**some strains of Proteus and Klebsiella resist chloramphenicol **by**with a non-enzymatic mechanism **comprising**which includes an inducible block of permeability.

### 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

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#### Distribution

Chloramphenicol spreads rapidly, **but**however its distribution is not uniform. The highest concentrations are in the liver and kidney; the lowest concentrations are in the brain and cerebrospinal fluid.

Chloramphenicol penetrates into the cerebrospinal fluid even in the absence of ~~the meninx~~ inflammatory state **of the meninge** and reaches concentrations **equal to** about half those offound in the blood.

Measurable levels are also **found**detected in pleural and ascitic fluids, saliva, milk, and aqueous and vitreous humours. **In addition**Furthermore, chloramphenicol crosses the placental barrier.

The volume of distribution is **about** 0.5–1 l/kg.

50%-80% of the dose is bound to plasma proteins.

#### Metabolism



Chloramphenicol is rapidly metabolised at the hepatic level, ~~mostly especially~~ in derivatives with glucuronic acid, microbiologically inactive, which are rapidly excreted by the kidney. It should be ~~necessary to consider taken into consideration~~ that in ~~newborns neonates~~ the capacity for glucuronidation and renal elimination is very limited.

#### Elimination

Chloramphenicol is ~~mainly~~ excreted ~~mainly through~~ the kidney ~~in the urine~~ (90%) as a ~~conjugate of~~ glucuronic acid ~~conjugate~~ and, to a small ~~extent, also amount~~, in unchanged form. Small amounts are excreted in bile (2-3%) and faeces (1%).

The plasma half-life varies ~~from~~ ~~between~~ 1.5 and 5 hours.

In patients ~~suffering from renal failure, with kidney impairment~~, the half-life varies from 3 to 7 hours.

In patients ~~with~~ ~~suffering from~~ reduced renal function, the half-life is generally prolonged, especially in patients with cirrhosis and jaundice.

The half-life of chloramphenicol reaches up to 28 hours in ~~infants newborns~~ with very few days of life.

### 5.3 Preclinical safety data

~~In~~ ~~Effects in~~ non-clinical studies ~~effects at exposure were only observed since~~ ~~only at exposures~~ considered ~~sufficiently in excess of~~ significantly higher than the maximum human exposure ~~indicating little relevance to~~ ~~however, this has insignificant clinical relevance~~ ~~use~~. In fact, chloramphenicol ~~was~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ shown to be genotoxic in human and ~~murine mouse~~ cells only at concentrations 25 times higher than the maximum dose used in humans.

In chicken embryos, chloramphenicol inhibits growth and rarely ~~leads to splanchnopleural~~ ~~causes~~ ~~splanchnopleure~~ and neural tube defects. In ~~rat~~ experiments ~~with rats~~, exposure to a diet containing 2-4% chloramphenicol during the last ~~stage~~ ~~phase of gestation~~ ~~only~~ caused ~~only~~ oedema in foetuses. No other congenital anomalies were detected in ~~further teratogenicity~~ ~~additional teratogenic~~ studies conducted in rats, rabbits and monkeys.

## 6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

### 6.5 Nature and contents of container

Package of Chloramphenicol Fisiopharma 1 g ~~powder for solution for injection is packaged in transparent glass vials, with chlorobutyl rubber stoppers and closed with flip-off caps. The package~~ contains 10 vials with 1 g of chloramphenicol ~~powder~~ each.

### 6.6 Special precautions for disposal and handling

The unused ~~drug~~ ~~medicine~~ and waste material derived from this drug should ~~medicine~~ ~~must~~ be disposed of ~~according to the~~ ~~in accordance with~~ ~~local rules in force~~ ~~regulations~~.

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