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FDA Approves New Colon-Cleansing Drug

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a new colon-cleansing drug, prepopik (sodium picosulfate, magnesium oxide and citric acid), a dual-acting stimulant and osmotic laxative, for colonoscopy preparation.

A previously available, low-volume oral phospho-soda preparation was removed from the market for safety reasons.

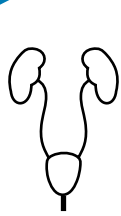
The advantage of a small-volume solution (300 ml) for bowel preparation is greater patient compliance, as use of large-volume cleansing preparations may be a deterrent to some patients for having the procedure.

Increased use of screening colonoscopy and cleaner bowel allowing high-quality colonoscopy may improve screening rates and cancer detection.

The preparation consists of two packets of sodium picosulfate, magnesium oxide and citric acid. In a split-dose regimen, patients dissolve the first packet of powder into water and drink the orange-flavored solution the night before a scheduled colonoscopy, and then do the same for the second packet the morning of the procedure.

If that split-dose regimen cannot be performed, patients may also take the drug as a day-before regimen in the afternoon and evening before a colonoscopy.

Patients are also advised to drink additional fluids during and after use of the preparation to reduce the risk for fluid and electrolyte imbalance.



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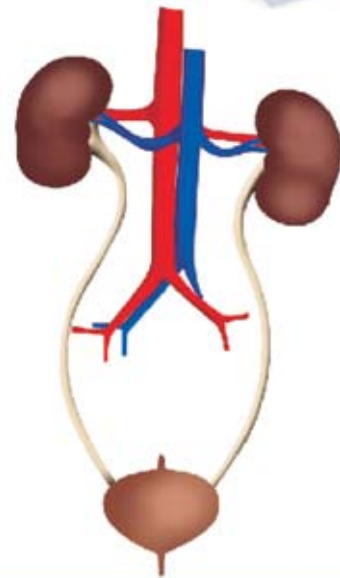
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Action And Clinical Pharmacology: Phenazopyridine is excreted in the urine where it exerts a topical analgesic effect on the mucosa of the urinary tract. This action helps to relieve pain, burning, urgency and frequency. The precise mechanism of action is unknown. Phenazopyridine and its metabolites are rapidly excreted by the kidneys. **Indications And Clinical Uses:** For the symptomatic relief of pain, burning, urgency, frequency, and other discomforts resulting from irritation of the mucosa of the lower urinary tract caused by infection, trauma, surgery, endoscopic procedures, or the passage of sounds or catheters. The drug should be used for symptomatic relief of pain and not as a substitute for specific surgery or antimicrobial therapy. Phenazopyridine is compatible with antimicrobial therapy and can help relieve pain and discomfort during the interval before antimicrobial therapy controls the infection. **Contra-Indications:** In patients who are hypersensitive to the drug or its ingredients. Phenazopyridine is contraindicated in patients with renal insufficiency or severe liver disease. **Dosage & Administration:** Adults: 200 mg 3 times daily after meals. When used concomitantly with an antibacterial agent for the treatment of a urinary tract infection, the administration of phenazopyridine should not exceed 2 days. If symptoms persist, the patient should be re-evaluated.

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