

**VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL
PHARMACY SERVICES
INVESTIGATIONAL DRUG DATA SHEET**

DRUG NAME

Teicoplanin

ALTERNATE NAME

MANUFACTURER

Nordic-Merrell-Dow

STRENGTH

200mg & 400mg vial

DOSAGE FORM

Injection

INDICATIONS

- treatment of infections caused by aerobic and anaerobic gram-positive bacteria including methicillin-resistant staphylococci, Group D streptococci, Clostridium difficile and group JK corynebacteria
- being investigated for surgical prophylaxis

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a loading dose of 6-12 mg/kg/day given every 12 hours for 2 doses, then 6 mg/kg q24 hours
- for surgical prophylaxis, a single pre-op dose of 15 mg/kg
- diluted solution is infused over 15-60 min (for teico/cefazolin study, infuse over 15 min)
- can also be given IM (well tolerated)

KNOWN SIDE EFFECTS*

Most frequently reported:

- nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, skin rash, pruritis, fever, injection site pain

Occasionally reported:

- hematological changes, eosinophilia, thrombocytopenia, neutropenia
- transient increases in liver enzymes
- tremor, tachycardia, fatigue

Rarely reported:

- nephrotoxicity
- ototoxicity

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

- dosage must be decreased in renal compromised patients; subsequent dosing is adjusted based on measured serum levels

*** REPORT ANY ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS TO THE PHARMACY**

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