**MYCOPHENOLATE MOFETIL - mycophenolate mofetil powder, for suspension**

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**WARNING: EMBRYOFETAL TOXICITY, MALIGNANCIES and SERIOUS INFECTIONS**

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning

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- Increased risk of development of lymphoma and other malignancies, particularly of the skin (see Warnings and Precautions [5.2]).
- Increased susceptibility to infections, including opportunistic infections and severe infections with fatal outcomes (see Warnings and Precautions [5.3]).

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**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

Mycophenolate mofetil is an antimetabolite immunosuppressant indicated for the prophylaxis of organ rejection in recipients of allogeneic kidney, heart or liver transplants, and should be used in combination with other immunosuppressants. (1)

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

- Hypersensitivity to mycophenolate mofetil, MPA acid or any component of the drug product.
- Patients allergic to Polysorbate 80 (present in mycophenolate mofetil IV) (see full prescribing information for: adjustments for renal impairment and neutropenia (4.12), preparation of oral suspension and IV solution (2.6)).
- Use during pregnancy is associated with increased risks of first trimester pregnancy loss and congenital malformations. Avoid if safer treatment options are available. Females of reproductive potential must be counseled regarding pregnancy prevention and planning (5.11).

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<td>60mg/m² orally twice daily, up to maximum of 2 g daily (2.2)</td>
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**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

The most common adverse reactions in clinical trials (20% or greater) include diarrhea, leukopenia, infection, vomiting, and there is evidence of a higher frequency of certain types of infections e.g., opportunistic infection. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Ascend Laboratories, LLC. at 1-877-ASC-RX01 (877-272-7901) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

**DRUG INTERACTIONS**

- See FPI for important drug interactions. (7)
- Mycophenolate mofetil may reduce effectiveness of oral contraceptives. Use of additional barrier contraceptive methods is recommended. (7.2)

**USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

- Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness in allogeneic heart or liver transplants has not been established (6.4)
- Male Patients: Sexually active male patients and/or their female partners are recommended to use effective contraception during treatment of the male patient and for at least 90 days after cessation of treatment (8.3)

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide.  
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- Use during pregnancy is associated with increased risks of first trimester pregnancy loss and congenital malformations. Avoid if safer treatment options are available. Females of reproductive potential must be counseled regarding pregnancy prevention and planning [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1), Use in Special Populations (8.1, 8.3)].
- Increased risk of development of lymphoma and other malignancies, particularly of the skin [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].
- Increased susceptibility to bacterial, viral, fungal and protozoal infections, including opportunistic infections and viral reactivation of hepatitis B and C, which may lead to hospitalizations and fatal outcomes [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].
1 INDICATIONS & USAGE
Mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) is indicated for the prophylaxis of organ rejection, in recipients of
allogeneic kidney [see Clinical Studies (14.1)], heart [see Clinical Studies (14.2)] or liver transplants [see
Clinical Studies (14.3)], in combination with other immunosuppressants.

2 DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION
2.1 Important Administration Instructions
Mycophenolate Mofetil Capsules, Tablets and Oral Suspension
Mycophenolate mofetil should not be used without the supervision of a physician with experience in
immunosuppressive therapy.
Mycophenolate mofetil oral dosage forms (capsules, tablets or oral suspension) should not be used
interchangeably with mycophenolic acid delayed-release tablets without supervision of a
physician with experience in immunosuppressive therapy because the rates of absorption following
the administration of mycophenolate mofetil oral dosage forms and mycophenolic acid delayed-release
tablets are not equivalent.
Mycophenolate mofetil tablets should not be crushed and mycophenolate mofetil capsules should not be
opened or crushed. Patients should avoid inhalation or contact of the skin or mucous membranes with
the powder contained in mycophenolate mofetil capsules and oral suspension. If such contact occurs,
they must wash the area of contact thoroughly with soap and water. In case of ocular contact, rinse eyes
with plain water.
The initial oral dose of mycophenolate mofetil should be given as soon as possible following kidney,
heart or liver transplant. It is recommended that mycophenolate mofetil be administered on an empty
stomach. In stable transplant patients, however, mycophenolate mofetil may be administered with food if
necessary [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]. Once reconstituted, mycophenolate mofetil oral
suspension must not be mixed with any liquids prior to dose administration. If needed, mycophenolate
mofetil oral suspension can be administered via a nasogastric tube with a minimum size of 8 French
(minimum 1.7 mm interior diameter).
Patients should be instructed to take a missed dose as soon as they remember, except if it is closer than
2 hours to the next scheduled dose; in this case, they should continue to take mycophenolate mofetil at
the usual times.

2.2 Dosing for Kidney Transplant Patients: Adults and Pediatrics
Adults
The recommended dose for adult kidney transplant patients is 1 g orally or intravenously infused over
no less than 2 hours, twice daily (daily dose of 2 g).

Pediatrics (3 months and older)
Pediatric dosing is based on body surface area (BSA). The recommended dose of mycophenolate
mofetil oral suspension for pediatric kidney transplant patients 3 months and older is 600 mg/m2,
administered twice daily (maximum daily dose of 2g or 10 mL of the oral suspension). Pediatric patients
with BSA ≥ 1.25 m2 may be dosed with capsules or tablets as follows:

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<td>≥ 1.5 m²</td>
<td>Mycophenolate mofetil capsules or tablets 1 g twice daily (2 g daily dose)</td>
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2.3 Dosing for Heart Transplant Patients: Adults
The recommended dose of mycophenolate mofetil for adult heart transplant patients is 1.5 g orally or
intravenously infused over no less than 2 hours administered twice daily (daily dose of 3 g).

2.4 Dosing for Liver Transplant Patients: Adults
The recommended dose of mycophenolate mofetil for adult liver transplant patients is 1.5 g
administered orally twice daily (daily dose of 3 g) or 1 g infused intravenously over no less than 2
hours, twice daily (daily dose of 2 g).

2.5 Dosing Adjustments: Patients with Renal Impairment, Neutropenia
Renal Impairment
No dose adjustments are needed in kidney transplant patients with delayed graft function postoperatively
[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]. In kidney transplant patients with severe chronic impairment of the
graft (GFR less than 25 mL/min/1.73 m²), do not administer doses of mycophenolate mofetil greater than
1 g twice a day. These patients should be carefully monitored [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

Neutropenia
If neutropenia develops (ANC less than 1.3 x 10^3/mcL), dosing with mycophenolate mofetil should be
interrupted or reduced, appropriate diagnostic tests performed, and the patient managed appropriately
[see Warnings and Precautions (5.4) and Adverse Reactions (6.1)].

2.6 Preparation Instructions of Oral Suspension and Intravenous for Pharmacists
General Preparation Instructions Before Handling the Formulations
Mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) has demonstrated teratogenic effects in humans. Follow applicable
special handling and disposal procedures.[2] [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1), Adverse Reactions (6.2),]
Care should be taken to avoid inhalation or direct contact with skin or mucous membranes of the dry powder or the constituted suspension because MMF has demonstrated teratogenic effects in humans. Wearing disposable gloves is recommended during reconstitution and when wiping the outer surface of the bottle/cap and the table surface after reconstitution. If such contact occurs, wash hands thoroughly with soap and water; rinse eyes with water.

Alert patients that they and others should also avoid inhalation or contact of the skin or mucous membranes with the oral suspension. Advise them to wash the area thoroughly with soap and water if such contact occurs; if ocular contact occurs, rinse eyes with plain water.

**Mycophenolate Mofetil Oral Suspension**

Mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension must be reconstituted by the pharmacist prior to dispensing to the patient. Mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension should not be mixed with any other medication. After reconstitution, the oral suspension contains 200 mg/mL MMF.

Before proceeding with the reconstitution steps read the general preparation instructions above. The following are the steps for reconstitution:

1. Tap the closed bottle several times to loosen the powder.
2. Measure 94 mL of water in a graduated cylinder.
3. Add approximately half the total amount of water for reconstitution to the bottle and shake the closed bottle well for about 1 minute.
4. Add the remainder of water and shake the closed bottle well for about 1 minute.
5. Remove the child-resistant cap and push bottle adapter into neck of bottle.
6. Close bottle with child-resistant cap tightly. This will assure the proper seating of the bottle adapter in the bottle and child-resistant status of the cap.
7. Write the date of expiration of the constituted suspension on the bottle label. (The shelf-life of the constituted suspension is 60 days.)
8. Dispense with the “Instruction for Use” and oral dispensers. Alert patients to read the important handling information described in the instructions for use.

Store constituted suspension at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F). Storage in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) is acceptable. Do not freeze. Discard any unused portion 60 days after constitution.

### 3 DOSAGE FORMS & STRENGTH

Mycophenolate mofetil is available in the following dosage forms and strengths:

- White to off-white powder, 200 mg/mL upon reconstitution.

### 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Allergic reactions to mycophenolate mofetil have been observed; therefore, mycophenolate mofetil is contraindicated in patients with a hypersensitivity to mycophenolate mofetil (MMF), mycophenolic acid (MPA) or any component of the drug product. Mycophenolate mofetil intravenous is contraindicated in patients who are allergic to Polysorbate 80 (TWEEN).

### 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### 5.1 Embryofetal Toxicity

Use of MMF during pregnancy is associated with an increased risk of first trimester pregnancy loss and an increased risk of congenital malformations, especially external ear and other facial abnormalities including cleft lip and palate, and anomalies of the distal limbs, heart, esophagus, kidney and nervous system. Females of reproductive potential must be made aware of these risks and must be counseled regarding pregnancy prevention and planning. Avoid use of MMF during pregnancy if safer treatment options are available (see Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.3)).

#### 5.2 Lymphoma and Other Malignancies

Patients receiving immunosuppressants, including mycophenolate mofetil, are at increased risk of developing lymphomas and other malignancies, particularly of the skin (see Adverse Reactions (6.1)). The risk appears to be related to the intensity and duration of immunosuppression rather than to the use of any specific agent. For patients with increased risk for skin cancer, exposure to sunlight and UV light should be limited by wearing protective clothing and using a sunscreen with a high protection factor.

Post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder (PTLD) developed in 0.4% to 1% of patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil (2 g or 3 g) with other immunosuppressive agents in controlled clinical trials of kidney, heart and liver transplant patients (see Adverse Reactions (6.1)). The majority of PTLD cases appear to be related to Epstein Barr Virus (EBV) infection. The risk of PTLD appears greatest in those individuals who are EBV seronegative, a population which includes many young children. In pediatric patients, no other malignancies besides PTLD were observed in clinical trials (see Adverse Reactions (6.1)).

#### 5.3 Serious Infections

Patients receiving immunosuppressants, including mycophenolate mofetil, are at increased risk of developing bacterial, fungal, protozoal and new or reactivated viral infections, including opportunistic infections. The risk increases with the total immunosuppressive load. These infections may lead to serious outcomes, including hospitalizations and death (see Adverse Reactions (6.1), (6.2)).

- Serious viral infections reported include:
  - Polymavirus-associated nephropathy (PVAN), especially due to BK virus infection
  - JC virus-associated progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML), and
  - Cytomegalovirus (CMV) infections: CMV seronegative transplant patients who receive an organ from a CMV seropositive donor are at highest risk of CMV viremia and CMV disease.
  - Viral reactivation in patients infected with Hepatitis B and C.

Consider reducing immunosuppression in patients who develop new infections or reactivate viral
infections, weighing the risk that reduced immunosuppression represents to the functioning allograft. PVAN, especially due to BK virus infection, is associated with serious outcomes, including deteriorating renal function and renal graft loss [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]. Patient monitoring may help detect patients at risk for PVAN.

PML, which is sometimes fatal, commonly presents with hemiparesis, apathy, confusion, cognitive deficiencies, and ataxia [see Adverse Reactions (6.2)]. In immunosuppressed patients, physicians should consider PML in the differential diagnosis in patients reporting neurological symptoms. The risk of CMV viremia and CMV disease is highest among transplant recipients seronegative for CMV at time of transplant who receive a graft from a CMV seropositive donor. Therapeutic approaches to limiting CMV disease exist and should be routinely provided. Patient monitoring may help detect patients at risk for CMV disease.

Viral reactivation has been reported in patients infected with HBV or HCV. Monitoring infected patients for clinical and laboratory signs of active HBV or HCV infection is recommended.

5.4 Blood Dyscrasias: Neutropenia and Pure Red Cell Aplasia (PRCA)

Severe neutropenia [absolute neutrophil count (ANC) less than 0.5 x 10^3/mL] developed in transplant patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil 3 g daily [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]. Patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil should be monitored for neutropenia. Neutropenia has been observed most frequently in the period from 31 to 180 days post-transplant in patients treated for prevention of kidney, heart and liver rejection. The development of neutropenia may be related to mycophenolate mofetil itself, concomitant medications, viral infections, or a combination of these causes. If neutropenia develops (ANC less than 1.3 x 10^3/mL), dosing with mycophenolate mofetil should be interrupted or the dose reduced, appropriate diagnostic tests performed, and the patient managed appropriately [see Dosage and Administration (2.5)].

Patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil should be instructed to report immediately any evidence of infection, unexpected bruising, bleeding or any other manifestation of bone marrow depression. Consider monitoring with complete blood counts weekly for the first month, twice monthly for the second and third months, and monthly for the remainder of the first year.

Cases of pure red cell aplasia (PRCA) have been reported in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressive agents. In some cases, PRCA was found to be reversible with dose reduction or cessation of mycophenolate mofetil therapy. In transplant patients, however, reduced immunosuppression may place the graft at risk.

5.5 Gastrointestinal Complications

Gastrointestinal bleeding requiring hospitalization, ulceration and perforations were observed in clinical trials. Physicians should be aware of these serious adverse effects particularly when administering mycophenolate mofetil to patients with a gastrointestinal disease.

5.6 Patients with Hypoxanthine-Guanine Phosphoribosyl-Transferase Deficiency (HGPRT)

Mycophenolate mofetil is an inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase (IMPDH) inhibitor; therefore it should be avoided in patients with hereditary deficiencies of hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl-transferase (HGPRT) such as Lesch-Nyhan and Kelley-Seegmiller syndromes because it may cause an exacerbation of disease symptoms characterized by the overproduction and accumulation of uric acid leading to symptoms associated with gout such as acute arthritis, tophi, nephrolithiasis or urolithiasis and renal disease including renal failure.

5.7 Immunizations

During treatment with mycophenolate mofetil, the use of live attenuated vaccines should be avoided and patients should be advised that vaccinations may be less effective. Advise patients to discuss with the physician before seeking any immunizations.

5.8 Local Reactions with Rapid Intravenous Administration

Mycophenolate mofetil intravenous solution must not be administered by rapid or bolus intravenous injection as rapid infusion increases the risk of local adverse reactions such as phlebitis and thrombosis [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)].

5.9 Risks in Patients with Phenylketonuria

Phenylalanine can be harmful to patients with phenylketonuria (PKU). Mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension contains aspartame, a source of phenylalanine (0.56 mg phenylalanine/mL suspension). Before prescribing mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension to a patient with PKU, consider the combined daily amount of phenylalanine from all sources, including mycophenolate mofetil.

5.10 Blood Donation

Patients should not donate blood during therapy and for at least 6 weeks following discontinuation of mycophenolate mofetil because their blood or blood products might be administered to a female of reproductive potential or a pregnant woman.

5.11 Semen Donation

Based on animal data, men should not donate semen during therapy and for 90 days following discontinuation of mycophenolate mofetil [see Use In Specific Populations (8.3)].

5.12 Effect of Concomitant Medications on Mycophenolic Acid Concentrations

A variety of drugs have potential to alter systemic MPA exposure when co-administered with mycophenolate mofetil. Therefore, determination of MPA concentrations in plasma before and after making any changes to immunosuppressive therapy, or when adding or discontinuing concomitant medications, may be appropriate to ensure MPA concentrations remain stable.

5.13 Potential Impairment of Ability to Drive or Operate Machinery

Mycophenolate mofetil may impact the ability to drive and use machines. Patients should avoid driving or using machines if they experience somnolence, confusion, dizziness, tremor, or hypotension during treatment with mycophenolate mofetil [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)].
6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following adverse reactions are discussed in greater detail in other sections of the label:

- Embryofetal Toxicity [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]
- Lymphomas and Other Malignancies [see Warnings and Precautions 5.2]
- Serious Infections [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]
- Blood Dyscrasias: Neutropenia, Pure Red Cell Aplasia [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]
- Gastrointestinal Complications [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)]

6.1 Clinical Study Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

An estimated total of 1557 patients received mycophenolate mofetil during pivotal clinical trials in the prevention of acute organ rejection. Of these, 991 were included in the three renal studies, 277 were included in one hepatic study, and 289 were included in one cardiac study. Patients in all study arms also received cyclosporine and corticosteroids.

The data described below primarily derive from five randomized, active-controlled double-blind 12-month trials of mycophenolate mofetil in de novo kidney (3) heart (1) and liver (1) transplant patients [see Clinical Studies (14.1, 14.2 and 14.3)].

Mycophenolate Mofetil Oral

The incidence of adverse reactions for mycophenolate mofetil was determined in five randomized, comparative, double-blind trials in the prevention of rejection in kidney, heart and liver transplant patients (two active- and one placebo-controlled trials, one active-controlled trial, and one active-controlled trial, respectively) [see Clinical Studies (14.1, 14.2 and 14.3)].

The three de novo kidney studies with 12-month duration compared two dose levels of oral mycophenolate mofetil (1 g twice daily and 1.5 g twice daily) with azathioprine (2 studies) or placebo (1 study) when administered in combination with cyclosporine (Sandimmune®) and corticosteroids to prevent acute rejection episodes. One study also included anti-thymocyte globulin (ATGAM®) induction therapy.

In the de novo heart transplantation study with 12-month duration, patients received mycophenolate mofetil 1.5 g twice daily (n=289) or azathioprine 1.5 to 3 mg/kg/day (n=289), in combination with cyclosporine (Sandimmune® or Neoral®) and corticosteroids as maintenance immunosuppressive therapy.

In the de novo liver transplantation study with 12-month duration, patients received mycophenolate mofetil 1 g twice daily intravenously for up to 14 days followed by mycophenolate mofetil 1.5 g twice daily orally or azathioprine 1 to 2 mg/kg/day intravenously followed by azathioprine 1 to 2 mg/kg/day orally, in combination with cyclosporine (Neoral®) and corticosteroids as maintenance immunosuppressive therapy. The total number of patients enrolled was 565.

Approximately 53% of the kidney transplant patients, 65% of the heart transplant patients, and 48% of the liver transplant patients were treated for more than 1 year. Adverse reactions reported in ≥20% of patients in the mycophenolate mofetil treatment groups are presented below. The safety data of three kidney transplantation studies are pooled together.

Table 3. Adverse Reactions in Controlled Studies of De Novo Kidney, Heart or Liver Transplantation (Reported in ≥20% of Patients in the Mycophenolate Mofetil Group)

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Infections and Infestations

Body as a Whole

System Organ Class

Combination with Cyclosporine and Corticosteroids

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The most common opportunistic infections in patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil with other immunosuppressants were mucocutaneous candida, CMV viremia/syndrome, and herpes simplex. The proportion of patients with CMV viremia/syndrome was 13.5%. In patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil (2 g or 3 g) in controlled studies for prevention of kidney, heart or liver rejection, fatal infection/sepsis occurred in approximately 2% of kidney and heart patients and in 5% of liver patients [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].

The most serious gastrointestinal disorders reported were ulceration and hemorrhage, which are known risks associated with mycophenolate mofetil. Mouth, esophageal, gastric, duodenal, and intestinal ulcers often complicated by hemorrhage, as well as hematemesis, melena, and hemorrhagic forms of gastritis and colitis were commonly reported during the pivotal clinical trials, while the most common gastrointestinal disorders were diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. Endoscopic investigation of patients with mycophenolate mofetil-related diarrhea revealed isolated cases of intestinal villous atrophy [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)].

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Table 4. Adverse Reactions in Controlled Studies of De Novo Kidney, Heart or Liver Transplantation Reported in 3% to <20% of Patients Treated with Mycophenolate Mofetil in Combination with Cyclosporine and Corticosteroids

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<td>fungal infections</td>
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Hematologic and Lymphatic | coagulation disorder, ecchymosis, pancytopenia
---|---
Urogenital | hematuria
Cardiovascular | hypotension
Metabolic and Nutritional | acidosis, alkaline phosphatase increased, hyperlipemia, hypophosphatemia, weight loss
Digestive | esophagitis, flatulence, gastritis, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, hepatitis, ileus, nausea and vomiting, stomach ulcer, stomatitis
Neoplasm benign, malignant and unspecified | neoplasm
Skin and Appendages | skin benign neoplasm, skin carcinoma
Psychiatric | confusional state
Nervous | hypertonia, paresthesia, somnolence
Musculoskeletal | arthralgia, myasthenia

**Pediatric Study**
The type and frequency of adverse events in a clinical study for prevention of kidney allograft rejection in 100 pediatric patients 3 months to 18 years of age dosed with mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension 600 mg/m2 twice daily (up to 1 g twice daily) were generally similar to those observed in adult patients dosed with mycophenolate mofetil capsules at a dose of 1 g twice daily with the exception of abdominal pain, fever, infection, pain, sepsis, diarrhea, vomiting, pharyngitis, respiratory tract infection, hypertension, leukopenia, and anemia, which were observed in a higher proportion in pediatric patients.

**Geriatrics**
Elderly patients (≥65 years), particularly those who are receiving mycophenolate mofetil as part of a combination immunosuppressive regimen, may be at increased risk of certain infections (including cytomegalovirus [CMV] tissue invasive disease) and possibly gastrointestinal hemorrhage and pulmonary edema, compared to younger individuals [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3) and Adverse Reactions (6.1)].

**Mycophenolate Mofetil Intravenous**
The safety profile of mycophenolate mofetil intravenous was determined from a single, double-blind, controlled comparative study of the safety of 2 g/day of intravenous and oral mycophenolate mofetil in kidney transplant patients in the immediate post-transplant period (administered for the first 5 days). The potential venous irritation of mycophenolate mofetil intravenous was evaluated by comparing the adverse reactions attributable to peripheral venous infusion of mycophenolate mofetil intravenous with those observed in the intravenous placebo group; patients in the placebo group received active medication by the oral route. Adverse reactions attributable to peripheral venous infusion were phlebitis and thrombosis, both observed at 4% in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil intravenous.

**6.2 Postmarketing Experience**
The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approval use of mycophenolate mofetil. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure:
- **Embryo-Fetal Toxicity:** Congenital malformations and spontaneous abortions, mainly in the first trimester, have been reported following exposure to mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) in combination with other immunosuppressants during pregnancy [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1), and Use in Specific Populations (8.1), (8.3)]. Congenital malformations include:
  - Facial malformations: cleft lip, cleft palate, micrognathia, hypertelorism of the orbits
  - Abnormalities of the ear and eye: abnormally formed or absent external/middle ear, coloboma, microphthalmos
  - Malformations of the fingers: polydactyly, syndactyly, brachydactyly
  - Cardiac abnormalities: atrial and ventricular septal defects
  - Esophageal malformations: esophageal atresia
  - Nervous system malformations: such as spina bifida
- **Cardiovascular:** Venous thrombosis has been reported in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil administered intravenously
- **Digestive:** Colitis, pancreatitis
- **Hematologic and Lymphatic:** Bone marrow failure, cases of pure red cell aplasia (PRCA) and hypogammaglobulinemia have been reported in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressive agents [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)].
- **Immune:** Hypersensitivity, hypogammaglobulinemia.
- **Infections:** Meningitis, infectious endocarditis, tuberculosis, atypical mycobacterial infection, progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy, BK virus infection, viral reactivation of hepatitis B and hepatitis C, protozoal infections [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].
- **Respiratory:** Bronchiectasis, interstitial lung disease, fatal pulmonary fibrosis, have been reported rarely and should be considered in the differential diagnosis of pulmonary symptoms ranging from dyspnea to respiratory failure in post-transplant patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil.
- **Vascular:** Lymphocele
Data

defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2 to 4% and 15 to 20%, respectively.

The estimated background risk of pregnancy loss and congenital malformations in organ transplant populations is not clear. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2 to 4% and 15 to 20%, respectively.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Pregnancy Exposure Registry

There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to mycophenolate during pregnancy and those becoming pregnant within 6 weeks of discontinuing mycophenolate treatment. To report a pregnancy or obtain information about the registry, visit www.mycophenolateREMS.com or call 1-800-617-8191.

Risk Summary

Use of mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) during pregnancy is associated with an increased risk of first trimester pregnancy loss and an increased risk of multiple congenital malformations in multiple organ systems [see Human Data]. Oral administration of mycophenolate to rats and rabbits during the period of organogenesis produced congenital malformations and pregnancy loss at doses less than the recommended clinical dose (0.02 to 0.1 times the recommended clinical doses in kidney and heart transplant patients) [see Animal Data].

Consider alternative immunosuppressants with less potential for embryofetal toxicity. Risks and benefits of mycophenolate mofetil should be discussed with the pregnant woman.

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**Human Data**

A spectrum of congenital malformations (including multiple malformations in individual newborns) has been reported in 23 to 27% of live births in MMF exposed pregnancies, based on published data from pregnancy registries. Malformations that have been documented include external ear, eye, and other facial abnormalities including cleft lip and palate, and anomalies of the distal limbs, heart, esophagus, kidney, and nervous system.

Based on published data from pregnancy registries, the risk of first trimester pregnancy loss has been reported at 45 to 49% following MMF exposure.

**Animal Data**

In animal reproductive toxicology studies, there were increased rates of fetal resorptions and malformations in the absence of maternal toxicity. Oral administration of MMF to pregnant rats from Gestational Day 7 to Day 16 produced increased embryofetal lethality and fetal malformations including anophthalmia, agnathia, and hydrocephaly at doses equivalent to 0.03 and 0.02 times the recommended human doses for renal and cardiac transplant patients, respectively, when corrected for BSA. Oral administration of MMF to pregnant rabbits from Gestational Day 7 to Day 19 produced increased embryofetal lethality and fetal malformations including ectopia cordis, ectopic kidneys, diaphragmatic hernia, and umbilical hernia at dose equivalents as low as 0.1 and 0.06 times the recommended human doses for renal and cardiac transplant patients, respectively, when corrected for BSA.

**8.2 Lactation**

**Risk Summary**

There are no data on the presence of mycophenolate in human milk, or the effects on milk production. There are limited data in the National Transplantation Pregnancy Registry on the effects of mycophenolate on a breastfed child [see Data]. Studies in rats treated with MMF have shown mycophenolic acid (MPA) to be present in milk. Because available data are limited, it is not possible to exclude potential risks to a breastfeeding infant.

The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mothers clinical need for mycophenolate mofetil and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from mycophenolate mofetil or from the underlying maternal condition.

**Data**

Limited information is available from the National Transplantation Pregnancy Registry. Of seven infants reported by the National Transplantation Pregnancy Registry to have been breastfed while the mother was taking mycophenolate, all were born at 34-40 weeks gestation, and breastfed for up to 14 months. No adverse events were reported.

**8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential**

Females of reproductive potential must be made aware of the increased risk of first trimester pregnancy loss and congenital malformations and must be counseled regarding pregnancy prevention and planning.

**Pregnancy Planning**

For patients who are considering pregnancy, consider alternative immunosuppressants with less potential for embryofetal toxicity whenever possible. Risks and benefits of mycophenolate mofetil should be discussed with the patient.

**Pregnancy Testing**

To prevent unplanned exposure during pregnancy, all females of reproductive potential should have a serum or urine pregnancy test with a sensitivity of at least 25 mIU/mL immediately before starting mycophenolate mofetil. Another pregnancy test with the same sensitivity should be done 8 to 10 days later. Repeat pregnancy tests should be performed during routine follow-up visits. Results of all pregnancy tests should be discussed with the patient. In the event of a positive pregnancy test, consider alternative immunosuppressants with less potential for embryofetal toxicity whenever possible.

**Contraception**

**Female Patients**

Females of reproductive potential taking mycophenolate mofetil must receive contraceptive counseling and use acceptable contraception (see Table 7 for acceptable contraception methods).

Patients must use acceptable birth control during the entire mycophenolate mofetil therapy, and for 6 weeks after stopping mycophenolate mofetil, unless the patient chooses abstinence.

Patients should be aware that mycophenolate mofetil reduces blood levels of the hormones from the oral contraceptive pill and could theoretically reduce its effectiveness [see Drug Interactions (7.2)].

**Table 7. Acceptable Contraception Methods For Females Of Reproductive Potential**

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<td>• Estrogen and Progesterone</td>
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Method AND One Barrier Method

- Oral Contraceptive Pill
- Transdermal patch
- Vaginal ring

Progesterone-only

- Injection
- Implant

AND

- Cervical cap with spermicide
- Contraceptive sponge
- Male condom
- Female condom

OR

Option 3

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- Male condom
- Female condom

Male Patients

Genotoxic effects have been observed in animal studies at exposures exceeding the human therapeutic exposures by approximately 2.5 times. Thus, the risk of genotoxic effects on sperm cells cannot be excluded. Based on this potential risk, sexually active male patients and/or their female partners are recommended to use effective contraception during treatment of the male patient and for at least 90 days after cessation of treatment. Also, based on the potential risk of genotoxic effects, male patients should not donate sperm during treatment with mycophenolate mofetil and for at least 90 days after cessation of treatment [see Use in Special Populations (8.1), Nonclinical Toxicology (13.1), Patient Counseling Information (17.9)].

8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness of mycophenolate mofetil have been established in pediatric patients 3 months and older for the prophylaxis of kidney rejection after allogeneic kidney transplant. Use of mycophenolate mofetil in this population is supported by evidence from adequate and well-controlled studies of mycophenolate mofetil in adults with additional data from one open-label, pharmacokinetic and safety study of mycophenolate mofetil in pediatric patients after receiving allogeneic kidney transplant [see Dosage and Administration (2.2), Adverse Reactions (6.1), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3), Clinical Studies (14.1)]. Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients receiving allogeneic heart or liver transplants have not been established.

8.5 Geriatric Use

Clinical studies of mycophenolate mofetil did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 and over to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should take into consideration the presence of decreased hepatic, renal or cardiac function and of concomitant drug therapies [see Adverse Reactions (6.1), Drug Interactions (7)].

8.6 Patients with Renal Impairment

Patients with Kidney Transplant

No dose adjustments are needed in kidney transplant patients experiencing delayed graft function postoperatively but patients should be carefully monitored [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]. In kidney transplant patients with severe chronic impairment of the graft (GFR less than 25 mL/min/1.73 m²), no dose adjustments are necessary; however, doses greater than 1 g administered twice a day should be avoided.

Patients with Heart and Liver Transplant

No data are available for heart or liver transplant patients with severe chronic renal impairment. Mycophenolate mofetil may be used for heart or liver transplant patients with severe chronic renal impairment if the potential benefits outweigh the potential risks.

8.7 Patients with Hepatic Impairment

Patients with Kidney Transplant

No dose adjustments are recommended for kidney transplant patients with severe hepatic parenchymal disease. However, it is not known whether dose adjustments are needed for hepatic disease with other etiologies [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

Patients with Heart Transplant

No data are available for heart transplant patients with severe hepatic parenchymal disease.

10 OVERDOSAGE

Possible signs and symptoms of acute overdose include hematological abnormalities such as leukopenia and neutropenia, and gastrointestinal symptoms such as abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, and dyspepsia.

The experience with overdose of mycophenolate mofetil in humans is limited. The reported effects associated with overdose fall within the known safety profile of the drug. The highest dose administered to kidney transplant patients in clinical trials has been 4 g/day. In limited experience with heart and liver transplant patients in clinical trials, the highest doses used were 4 g/day or 5 g/day. At doses of 4 g/day or 5 g/day, there appears to be a higher rate, compared to the use of 3 g/day or less, of gastrointestinal intolerance (nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea), and occasional hematologic
abnormalities, particularly neutropenia [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)].

Treatment and Management
MPA and the phenolic glucuronide metabolite of MPA (MPAG) are usually not removed by
hemodialysis. However, at high MPAG plasma concentrations (>100 mcg/mL), small amounts of MPAG
are removed. By increasing excretion of the drug, MPA can be removed by bile acid sequestrants, such
as cholestyramine [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

11 DESCRIPTION
Mycophenolate mofetil is an antimetabolite immunosuppressant. It is the 2-morpholinoethyl ester
of mycophenolic acid (MPA), an immunosuppressive agent, inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase
(IMPDH) inhibitor.

The chemical name for mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) is 2-morpholinoethyl (E)-6 (1,3-dihydro-4-
hydroxy-6-methoxy-7-methyl-3-oxo-5-isobenzofuranyl)-4-methyl-4-hexenoate. It has an empirical
formula of C23H31NO7, a molecular weight of 433.50, and the following structural formula:

![Mycophenolic Acid Structure]

Mycophenolate mofetil is a white to off-white crystalline powder. It is slightly soluble in water (43
mcg/mL at pH 7.4); the solubility increases in acidic medium (4.27 mg/mL at pH 3.6). It is freely soluble
in acetone, soluble in methanol, and sparingly soluble in ethanol. The apparent partition coefficient in 1-
octanol/water (pH 7.4) buffer solution is 238. The pKa values for MMF are 5.6 for the morpholino
group and 8.5 for the phenolic group.

Mycophenolate mofetil USP for oral suspension is available for oral administration as a powder for
oral suspension, which when constituted contains 200 mg/mL of mycophenolate mofetil inactive
ingredients in mycophenolate mofetil oral solution contain Sorbitol, sodium citrate
dehydrate, citric acid anhydrous, methylparaben, xanthan gum, aspartame, soybean lecithin and N &A
gum fruit flavor.

The USP Dissolution Test is pending.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action
Mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) is absorbed following oral administration and hydrolyzed to
mycophenolic acid (MPA), the active metabolite. MPA is a selective, uncompetitive, and reversible
inhibitor of inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase (IMPDH), and therefore inhibits the de novo
pathway of guanosine nucleotide synthesis without incorporation into DNA. Because T- and B-
lymphocytes are critically dependent for their proliferation on de novo synthesis of purines, whereas
other cell types can utilize salvage pathways, MPA has potent cytostatic effects on lymphocytes. MPA
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Addition of guanosine or deoxyguanosine reverses the cytostatic effects of MPA on lymphocytes.

MPA also suppresses antibody formation by B-lymphocytes. MPA prevents the glycosylation of
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<td>5 days</td>
<td>1 g/iv</td>
<td>1.58 (±0.46) n=31</td>
<td>12.0 (±3.62) n=31</td>
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<td>6 days</td>
<td>1 g/oral</td>
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<td>10.7 (±4.83) n=31</td>
<td>32.9 (±15.0) n=31</td>
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<td>Early (Less than 40 days)</td>
<td>1 g/oral</td>
<td>1.31 (±0.76) n=25</td>
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<td>Early (Less than 40 days)</td>
<td>1.5 g/oral</td>
<td>1.21 (±0.81) n=27</td>
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<td>38.4 (±15.4) n=27</td>
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<td>Late (Greater than 3 months)</td>
<td>1.5 g/oral</td>
<td>0.90 (±0.24) n=23</td>
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<td>1.5 g/oral</td>
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<td>11.5 (±6.8) n=11</td>
<td>43.3 (±20.8) n=9</td>
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<td>4 to 9 days</td>
<td>1 g/iv</td>
<td>1.50(±0.517) n=22</td>
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<td>34.0 (±17.4) n=22</td>
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<td>Early (5 to 8 days)</td>
<td>1.5 g/oral</td>
<td>1.15 (±0.432) n=20</td>
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<td>29.2(±11.9) n=20</td>
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<td>Late (Greater than 6 months)</td>
<td>1.5 g/oral</td>
<td>1.54 (±0.51) n=6</td>
<td>19.3 (±11.7) n=6</td>
<td>49.3(±14.8) n=6</td>
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aAUC (0-12h) values quoted are extrapolated from data from samples collected over 4 hours.

In the early post-transplant period (less than 40 days post-transplant), kidney, heart, and liver transplant patients had mean MPA AUCs approximately 20% to 41% lower and mean Cmax approximately 32% to 44% lower compared to the late transplant period (i.e., 3 to 6 months post-transplant) (non-stationarity in MPA pharmacokinetics).

Mean MPA AUC values following administration of 1 g twice daily intravenous mycophenolate mofetil over 2 hours to kidney transplant patients for 5 days were about 24% higher than those observed after oral administration of a similar dose in the immediate post-transplant phase.

In liver transplant patients, administration of 1 g twice daily intravenous mycophenolate mofetil followed by 1.5 g twice daily oral mycophenolate mofetil resulted in mean MPA AUC estimates similar to those found in kidney transplant patients administered 1 g mycophenolate mofetil twice daily.

Effect of Food
Food (27 g fat, 650 calories) had no effect on the extent of absorption (MPA AUC) of MMF when administered at doses of 1.5 g twice daily to kidney transplant patients. However, MPA Cmax was decreased by 40% in the presence of food [see Dosage and Administration (2.1)].
**Distribution**

The mean (±SD) apparent volume of distribution of MPA in 12 healthy volunteers was approximately 3.6 (±1.5) L/kg. At clinically relevant concentrations, MPA is 97% bound to plasma albumin. The phenolic glucuronide metabolite of MPA (MPAG) is 82% bound to plasma albumin at MPAG concentration ranges that are normally seen in stable kidney transplant patients; however, at higher MPAG concentrations (observed in patients with kidney impairment or delayed kidney graft function), the binding of MPA may be reduced as a result of competition between MPAG and MPA for protein binding. Mean blood to plasma ratio of radioactivity concentrations was approximately 0.6 indicating that MPA and MPAG do not extensively distribute into the cellular fractions of blood.

**In vitro** studies to evaluate the effect of other agents on the binding of MPA to human serum albumin (HSA) or plasma proteins showed that salicylate (at 25 mg/dL with human serum albumin) and MPAG (at ≥460 mcg/mL with plasma proteins) increased the free fraction of MPA. MPAG at concentrations as high as 100 mcg/mL had little effect on the binding of warfarin, digoxin or propranolol, but decreased the binding of theophylline from 53% to 45% and phenytoin from 90% to 87%.

**Elimination**

Mean (±SD) apparent half-life and plasma clearance of MPA are 17.9 (±6.5) hours and 193 (±48) mL/min following oral administration and 16.6 (±5.8) hours and 177 (±31) mL/min following intravenous administration, respectively.

**Metabolism**

The parent drug, MMF, can be measured systemically during the intravenous infusion; however, approximately 5 minutes after the infusion is stopped or after oral administration, MMF concentrations are below the limit of quantitation (0.4 mcg/mL). Metabolism to MPA occurs pre-systemically after oral dosing. MPA is metabolized principally by glucuronyl transferase to form MPAG, which is not pharmacologically active. In vivo, MPAG is converted to MPA during enterohepatic recirculation. The following metabolites of the 2-hydroxymorpholino moiety are also recovered in the urine following oral administration of MMF to healthy subjects: N-(2-carboxyethyl)-morpholine, N-(2-hydroxymethyl)-morpholine, and the N-oxide of N-(2-hydroxymethyl)-morpholine. Due to the enterohepatic recirculation of MPAG/MPA, secondary peaks in the plasma MPA concentration-time profile are usually observed 6 to 12 hours post-dose. Bile sequestrants, such as cholestyramine, reduce MPA AUC by interfering with this enterohepatic recirculation of the drug [see Overdose (10) and Drug Interaction Studies below].

**Excretion**

Negligible amount of drug is excreted as MPA (less than 1% of dose) in the urine. Orally administered radiolabeled MMF resulted in complete recovery of the administered dose, with 93% of the administered dose recovered in the urine and 6% recovered in feces. Most (about 87%) of the administered dose is excreted in the urine as MPAG. At clinically encountered concentrations, MPA and MPAG are usually not removed by hemodialysis. However, at high MPAG plasma concentrations (>100 mcg/mL), small amounts of MPAG are removed.

Increased plasma concentrations of MMF metabolites (MPA 50% increase and MPAG about a 3-fold to 6-fold increase) are observed in patients with renal insufficiency [see Specific Populations].

**Patients with Renal Impairment**

The mean (±SD) pharmacokinetic parameters for MPA following the administration of oral MMF given as single doses to non-transplant subjects with renal impairment are presented in Table 9. In a single-dose study, MMF was administered as a capsule or as an intravenous infusion over 40 minutes. Plasma MPA AUC observed after oral dosing to volunteers with severe chronic renal impairment (GFR less than 25 mL/min/1.73 m2) was about 75% higher relative to that observed in healthy volunteers (GFR > 80 mL/min/1.73 m2). In addition, the single-dose plasma MPA AUC was 3-fold to 6-fold higher in volunteers with severe renal impairment than in volunteers with mild renal impairment or healthy volunteers, consistent with the known renal elimination of MPAG. No data are available on the safety of long-term exposure to this level of MPAG.

Plasma MPA AUC observed after single-dose (1 g) intravenous dosing to volunteers (n=4) with severe chronic renal impairment (GFR less than 25 mL/min/1.73 m2) was 62.4 mcg•h/mL (±19.3). Multiple dosing of MMF in patients with severe chronic renal impairment has not been studied.

**Patients with Delayed Graft Function or Nonfunction**

In patients with delayed renal graft function post-transplant, mean MPA AUC (0–12h) was comparable to that seen in post-transplant patients without delayed renal graft function. There is a potential for a transient increase in the free fraction and concentration of plasma MPA in patients with delayed renal graft function. However, dose adjustment does not appear to be necessary in patients with delayed renal graft function. Mean plasma MPAG AUC (0–12h) was 2-fold to 3-fold higher than in post-transplant patients without delayed renal graft function [see Dosage and Administration (2.5)].

In eight patients with primary graft non-function following kidney transplantation, plasma concentrations of MPAG accumulated about 6-fold to 8-fold after multiple dosing for 28 days. Accumulation of MPAG was about 1-fold to 2-fold.

The pharmacokinetics of MMF are not altered by hemodialysis. Hemodialysis usually does not remove MPA or MPAG. At high concentrations of MPAG (greater than 100 mcg/mL), hemodialysis removes only small amounts of MPAG.

**Patients with Hepatic Impairment**

The mean (± SD) pharmacokinetic parameters for MPA following the administration of oral MMF given as single doses to non-transplant subjects with hepatic impairment is presented in Table 9. In a single-dose (1 g oral) study of 18 volunteers with alcoholic cirrhosis and 6 healthy volunteers, hepatic MPA glucuronidation processes appeared to be relatively unaffected by hepatic parenchymal disease when pharmacokinetic parameters of healthy volunteers and alcoholic cirrhosis patients within this study were compared. However, it should be noted that for unexplained reasons, the healthy volunteers in this study had about a 50% lower AUC as compared to healthy volunteers in other studies, thus making comparisons between volunteers with alcoholic cirrhosis and healthy volunteers difficult.

In a single-dose (1 g intravenous) study of 6 volunteers with severe hepatic impairment (aminopyrine breath test less than 0.2% of dose) due to alcoholic cirrhosis, MMF was rapidly converted to MPA. MPA AUC was 44.1 mcg•h/mL (±15.5).
### Table 9: Pharmacokinetic Parameters for MPA [mean (±SD)] Following Single Doses of MMF Capsules in Chronic Renal and Hepatic Impairment

#### Pharmacokinetic Parameters for Renal Impairment

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Dose</th>
<th>Tmax (h)</th>
<th>Cmax (mcg/mL)</th>
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<td>Healthy Volunteers</td>
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<td>GFR greater than 80 mL/min/1.73 m² (n=6)</td>
<td>1 g</td>
<td>0.75 (±0.27)</td>
<td>25.3 (±7.99)</td>
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<td>Mild Renal Impairment</td>
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<td>GFR 50 to 80 mL/min/1.73 m² (n=6)</td>
<td>1 g</td>
<td>0.75 (±0.27)</td>
<td>26.0 (±3.82)</td>
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<td>GFR 25 to 49 mL/min/1.73 m² (n=6)</td>
<td>1 g</td>
<td>0.75 (0.27)</td>
<td>19.0 (±13.2)</td>
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<td>Severe Renal Impairment</td>
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<td>GFR less than 25 mL/min/1.73 m² (n=7)</td>
<td>1 g</td>
<td>1.00 (±0.41)</td>
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#### Pharmacokinetic Parameters for Hepatic Impairment

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<td>Healthy Volunteers (n=6)</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 g</td>
<td>0.63 (±0.14)</td>
<td>24.3 (±5.73)</td>
<td>29.0 (±5.78)</td>
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<td>Alcoholic Cirrhosis (n=18)</td>
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<td>1 g</td>
<td>0.85 (±0.58)</td>
<td>22.4 (±10.1)</td>
<td>29.8 (±10.7)</td>
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#### Pediatric Patients

The pharmacokinetic parameters of MPA and MPAG have been evaluated in 55 pediatric patients (ranging from 1 year to 18 years of age) receiving mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension at a dose of 600 mg/m² twice daily (up to a maximum of 1 g twice daily) after allogeneic kidney transplantation. The pharmacokinetic data for MPA is provided in Table 10.

### Table 10: Mean (±SD) Computed Pharmacokinetic Parameters for MPA by Age and Time after Allogeneic Kidney Transplantation

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<th>Age Group (n)</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Tmax (h)</th>
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<td>1 to less than 2 yr (6)</td>
<td>Early (Day 7)</td>
<td>3.03 (4.70)</td>
<td>10.3 (5.80)</td>
<td>22.5 (6.66)</td>
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<td>1 to less than 6 yr (12)</td>
<td>Early (Day 7)</td>
<td>1.63 (2.85)</td>
<td>13.2 (7.16)</td>
<td>27.4 (9.54)</td>
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<td>6 to less than 12 yr (11)</td>
<td>Early (Day 7)</td>
<td>0.940 (0.546)</td>
<td>13.1 (6.30)</td>
<td>33.2 (12.1)</td>
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<td>12 to 18 yr (21)</td>
<td>Early (Day 7)</td>
<td>1.16 (0.830)</td>
<td>11.7 (10.7)</td>
<td>26.3 (9.14)</td>
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<td>1 to less than 2 yr (5)</td>
<td>Late (Month 3)</td>
<td>0.725 (0.276)</td>
<td>23.8 (13.4)</td>
<td>47.4 (14.7)</td>
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<td>1 to less than 6 yr (13)</td>
<td>Late (Month 3)</td>
<td>0.989 (0.511)</td>
<td>22.7 (10.1)</td>
<td>49.7 (18.2)</td>
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<td>6 to less than 12 yr (11)</td>
<td>Late (Month 3)</td>
<td>1.21 (0.532)</td>
<td>27.8 (14.3)</td>
<td>61.9 (19.6)</td>
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<td>12 to 18 yr (14)</td>
<td>Late (Month 3)</td>
<td>0.978 (0.484)</td>
<td>17.9 (9.57)</td>
<td>53.6 (20.3)</td>
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<td>1 to less than 2 yr (4)</td>
<td>Late (Month 9)</td>
<td>0.604 (0.208)</td>
<td>25.6 (4.25)</td>
<td>55.8 (11.6)</td>
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<td>1 to less than 6 yr (12)</td>
<td>Late (Month 9)</td>
<td>0.869 (0.479)</td>
<td>30.4 (9.16)</td>
<td>61.0 (10.7)</td>
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<td>6 to less than 12 yr (11)</td>
<td>Late (Month 9)</td>
<td>1.12 (0.462)</td>
<td>29.2 (12.6)</td>
<td>66.8 (21.2)</td>
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<td>12 to 18 yr (14)</td>
<td>Late (Month 9)</td>
<td>1.09 (0.518)</td>
<td>18.1 (7.29)</td>
<td>56.7 (14.0)</td>
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The mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension dose of 600 mg/m² twice daily (up to a maximum of 1 g twice daily) achieved mean MPA AUC values in pediatric patients similar to those seen in adult kidney transplant patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil capsules at a dose of 1 g twice daily in the early post-transplant period. There was wide variability in the data. As observed in adults, early post-transplant MPA AUC values were approximately 45% to 55% lower than those observed in the later post-transplant period (>3 months). MPA AUC values were similar in the early and late post-transplant period across the 1 to 18-year age range.

Male and Female Patients

Data obtained from several studies were pooled to look at any gender-related differences in the pharmacokinetics of MPA (data were adjusted to 1 g oral dose). Mean (±SD) MPA AUC (0-12h) for males (n=79) was 30.9 (±16.4) mcg•h/mL and for females (n=41) was 36.5 (±18.8) mcg•h/mL, while mean (±SD) MPA Cmax was 9.96 (±6.19) in the males and 10.6 (±5.64) mcg/mL in the females. These differences are not of clinical significance.

Geriatric Patients

The pharmacokinetics of mycophenolate mofetil and its metabolites have not been found to be altered in elderly transplant patients when compared to younger transplant patients.

Drug Interaction Studies

Acyclovir

Coadministration of MMF (1 g) and acyclovir (800 mg) to 12 healthy volunteers resulted in no significant change in MPA AUC and Cmax. However, MPAG and acyclovir plasma AUCs were increased 10.6% and 21.9%, respectively.

Antacids with Magnesium and Aluminum Hydroxides

Absorption of a single dose of MMF (2g) was decreased when administered to 10 rheumatoid arthritis patients also taking Maalox® TC (10 mL qid). The Cmax and AUC (0-24h) for MPA were 33% and 17% lower, respectively, than when MMF was administered alone under fasting conditions.

Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)

Coadministration of PPIs (e.g., lansoprazole, pantoprazole) in single doses to healthy volunteers and multiple doses to transplant patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil has been reported to reduce the exposure to MPA. An approximate reduction of 30 to 70% in the Cmax and 25% to 35% in the AUC of MPA has been observed, possibly due to a decrease in MPA solubility at an increased gastric pH.

Cholestyramine

Following single-dose administration of 1.5 g MMF to 12 healthy volunteers pretreated with 4 g three times a day of cholestyramine for 4 days, MPA AUC decreased approximately 40%. This decrease is consistent with interruption of enterohepatic recirculation which may be due to binding of recirculating MPAG with cholestyramine in the intestine.

Cyclosporine

Cyclosporine (Sandimmune®) pharmacokinetics (at doses of 275 to 415 mg/day) were unaffected by single and multiple doses of 1.5 g twice daily of MMF in 10 stable kidney transplant patients. The mean (±SD) AUC (0-12h) and Cmax of cyclosporine after 14 days of multiple doses of MMF were 3290 (±822) ng•h/mL and 753 (±161) ng/mL, respectively, compared to 3245 (±1088) ng•h/mL and 700 (±246) ng/mL, respectively, 1 week before administration of MMF.

Cyclosporine A interferes with MPA enterohepatic recirculation. In kidney transplant patients, mean MPA exposure (AUC (0-12h)) was approximately 30-50% greater when MMF was administered without cyclosporine compared with when MMF was coadministered with cyclosporine. This interaction is due to cyclosporine inhibition of multidrug-resistance-associated protein 2 (MRP-2) transporter in the biliary tract, thereby preventing the excretion of MPAG into the bile that would lead to enterohepatic recirculation of MPA. This information should be taken into consideration when MMF is used without cyclosporine.

Drugs Affecting Glucuronidation

Concomitant administration of drugs inhibiting glucuronidation of MPA may increase MPA exposure (e.g., increase of MPA AUC (0-∞) by 35% was observed with concomitant administration of isavuconazole).

Concomitant administration of telmisartan and mycophenolate mofetil resulted in an approximately 30% decrease in MPA concentrations. Telmisartan changes MPA’s elimination by enhancing PPAR gamma (peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma) expression, which in turn results in an enhanced UGT1A9 expression and glucuronidation activity.

Ganciclovir

Following single-dose administration to 12 stable kidney transplant patients, no pharmacokinetic interaction was observed between MMF (1.5 g) and intravenous ganciclovir (5 mg/kg). Mean (±SD) ganciclovir AUC and Cmax (n=10) were 54.3 (±19.0) mcg•h/mL and 11.5 (±1.8) mcg/mL, respectively, after coadministration of the two drugs, compared to 51.0 (±17.0) mcg•h/mL and 10.6 (±2.0) mcg/mL, respectively, after administration of intravenous ganciclovir alone. The mean (±SD) AUC and Cmax of MPA (n=12) after coadministration were 80.9 (±21.6) mcg•h/mL and 27.8 (±13.9) mcg/mL, respectively, compared to values of 80.3 (±16.4) mcg•h/mL and 30.9 (±11.2) mcg/mL, respectively, after administration of MMF alone.

Oral Contraceptives

A study of coadministration of mycophenolate mofetil (1 g twice daily) and combined oral contraceptives containing ethinylestradiol (0.02 mg to 0.04 mg) and levonorgestrel (0.05 mg to 0.20 mg), desogestrel (0.15 mg) or gestodene (0.05 mg to 0.10 mg) was conducted in 18 women with psoriasis over 3 consecutive menstrual cycles. Mean serum levels of LH, FSH and progesterone were not significantly affected. Mean AUC (0-24h) was similar for ethinylestradiol and 3-keto desogestrel; however, mean levonorgestrel AUC (0-24h) significantly decreased by about 15%. There was large inter-patient variability (%CV in the range of 60% to 70%) in the data, especially for ethinylestradiol.

Sevelamer

Concomitant administration of sevelamer and MMF in adult and pediatric patients decreased the mean MPA Cmax and AUC (0-12h) by 36% and 26% respectively.
Antimicrobials

Antimicrobials eliminating beta-glucuronidase-producing bacteria in the intestine (e.g., amoxicillin, cephalosporin, fluoroquinolone, and penicillin classes of antimicrobials) may interfere with the MPAG/MPA enterohepatic recirculation thus leading to reduced systemic MPA exposure. Information concerning antibiotics is as follows:

- Trimethoprim/SulfaMethoxazole: Following single-dose administration of MMF (1.5 g) to 12 healthy male volunteers on day 8 of a 10-day course of trimethoprim 160 mg/sulfaMethoxazole 800 mg administered twice daily, no effect on the bioavailability of MPA was observed. The mean (±SD) AUC and Cmax of MPA after concomitant administration were 75.2 (±19.8) mcg•h/mL and 34.0 (±6.6) mcg/mL, respectively, compared to 79.2 (±27.9) mcg•h/mL and 34.2 (±10.7) mcg/mL, respectively, after administration of MMF alone.
- Norfloxacin and Metronidazole: Following single-dose administration of MMF (1 g) to 11 healthy volunteers on day 4 of a 5-day course of a combination of norfloxacin and metronidazole, the mean MPA AUC (0-48h) was significantly reduced by 33% compared to the administration of MMF alone (p less than 0.05). The mean (±SD) MPA AUC (0-48h) after coadministration of MMF with norfloxacin or metronidazole separately was 48.3 (±24) mcg•h/mL and 42.7 (±23) mcg•h/mL, respectively, compared with 56.2 (±24) mcg•h/mL after administration of MMF alone.
- Ciprofloxacin and Amoxicillin Plus Clavulanic Acid: A total of 64 mycophenolate mofetil-treated kidney transplant recipients received either oral ciprofloxacin 500 mg twice daily or amoxicillin plus clavulanic acid 375 mg three times daily for 7 or at least 14 days, respectively. Approximately 50% reductions in median trough MPA concentrations (predose) from baseline (mycophenolate mofetil alone) were observed in 3 days following commencement of oral ciprofloxacin or amoxicillin plus clavulanic acid. These reductions in trough MPA concentration tended to diminish within 14 days of antimicrobial therapy and ceased within 3 days of discontinuation of antibiotics.
- Rifampin: In a single heart-lung transplant patient, after correction for dose, a 67% decrease in MPA exposure (AUC (0-12h)) has been observed with concomitant administration of MMF and rifampin.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis & Mutagenesis & Impairment Of Fertility

In a 104-week oral carcinogenicity study in mice, MMF in daily doses up to 180 mg/kg was not tumorigenic. The highest dose tested was 0.4 times the recommended clinical dose (2 g/day) in renal transplant patients and 0.3 times the recommended clinical dose (3 g/day) in cardiac transplant patients when corrected for differences in body surface area (BSA). In a 104-week oral carcinogenicity study in rats, MMF in daily doses up to 15 mg/kg was not tumorigenic. The highest dose was 0.07 times the recommended clinical dose in kidney transplant patients and 0.05 times the recommended clinical dose in heart transplant patients when corrected for BSA. While these animal doses were lower than those given to patients, they were maximal in those species and were considered adequate to evaluate the potential for human risk (see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)).

The genotoxic potential of MMF was determined in five assays. MMF was genotoxic in the mouse lymphomathymidine kinase assay and the in vivo mouse micronucleus assay. MMF was not genotoxic in the bacterial mutation assay, the yeast mitotic gene conversion assay or the Chinese hamster ovary cell chromosomal aberration assay.

MMF had no effect on fertility of male rats at oral doses up to 20 mg/kg/day. This dose represents 0.1 times the recommended clinical dose in renal transplant patients and 0.06 times the recommended clinical dose in cardiac transplant patients when corrected for BSA. In a female fertility and reproduction study conducted in rats, oral doses of 4.5 mg/kg/day caused malformations (principally of the head and eyes) in the first generation offspring in the absence of maternal toxicity. This dose was 0.02 times the recommended clinical dose in renal transplant patients and 0.01 times the recommended clinical dose in cardiac transplant patients when corrected for BSA. No effects on fertility or reproductive parameters were evident in the dams or in the subsequent generation.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Kidney Transplantation

Adults

The three de novo kidney transplantation studies compared two dose levels of oral mycophenolate mofetil (1 g twice daily and 1.5 g twice daily) with azathioprine (2 studies) or placebo (1 study) to prevent acute rejection episodes. One of the two studies with azathioprine (AZA) control arm also included anti-thymocyte globulin (ATGAM®) induction therapy. The geographic location of the investigational sites of these studies are included in Table 11.

Table 11. Treatment Failure in De Novo Kidney Transplantation Studies

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<tr>
<th>USA Study (N=499 patients)</th>
<th>Mycophenolate Mofetil 2g/day (n=167 patients)</th>
<th>Mycophenolate Mofetil 3g/day (n=166 patients)</th>
<th>AZA 1 to 2 mg/kg/day (n=166 patients)</th>
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<tr>
<td>All treatment failures</td>
<td>31.1%</td>
<td>31.3%</td>
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Early termination without prior acute rejection 9.6% 12.7% 6.0%

Biopsy-proven rejection episode on treatment 19.8% 17.5% 38.0%

Europe/Canada/Australia Study (N=503 patients) Mycophenolate Mofetil 2 g/day (n=173 patients) Mycophenolate Mofetil 3 g/day (n=164 patients) AZA100 to 150 mg/day (n=166 patients)

No induction treatment administered; all 3 groups received cyclosporine and corticosteroids.

All treatment failures 38.2% 34.8% 50.0%

Early termination without prior acute rejection 13.9% 15.2% 10.2%

Biopsy-proven rejection episode on treatment 19.7% 15.9% 35.5%

Europe Study (N=491 patients) Mycophenolate Mofetil 2 g/day (n=165 patients) Mycophenolate Mofetil 3 g/day (n=160 patients) Placebo (n=166 patients)

No induction treatment administered; all 3 groups received cyclosporine and corticosteroids.

All treatment failures 30.3% 38.8% 56.0%

Early termination without prior acute rejection 11.5% 22.5% 7.2%

Biopsy-proven rejection episode on treatment 17.0% 13.8% 46.4%

*Does not include death and graft loss as reason for early termination

No advantage of mycophenolate mofetil at 12 months with respect to graft loss or patient death (combined) was established (Table 12). Numerically, patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil 2 g/day and 3 g/day experienced a better outcome than controls in all three studies; patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil 2 g/day experienced a better outcome than mycophenolate mofetil 3 g/day in two of the three studies. Patients in all treatment groups who terminated treatment early were found to have a poor outcome with respect to graft loss or patient death at 1 year.

Table 12. De Novo Kidney Transplantation Studies Cumulative Incidence of Combined Graft Loss or Patient Death at 12 Months

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<tr>
<th>Study</th>
<th>Mycophenolate Mofetil 2 g/day</th>
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<tr>
<td>USA</td>
<td>8.5%</td>
<td>11.5%</td>
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<td>11.7%</td>
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Pediatrics-De Novo Kidney transplantation PK Study with Long Term Follow-Up

One open-label, safety and pharmacokinetic study of mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension 600 mg/m² twice daily (up to 1 g twice daily) in combination with cyclosporine and corticosteroids was performed at centers in the United States (9), Europe (5) and Australia (1) in 100 pediatric patients (3 months to 18 years of age) for the prevention of renal allograft rejection. Mycophenolate mofetil was well tolerated in pediatric patients [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)], and the pharmacokinetics profile was similar to that seen in adult patients dosed with 1 g twice daily mycophenolate mofetil capsules [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]. The rate of biopsy-proven rejection was similar across the age groups (3 months to less than 6 years, 6 years to less than 12 years, 12 years to 18 years). The overall biopsy-proven rejection rate at 6 months was comparable to adults. The combined incidence of graft loss (5%) and patient death (2%) at 12 months post-transplant was similar to that observed in adult kidney transplant patients.

14.2 Heart Transplantation

A double-blind, randomized, comparative, parallel-group, multicenter study in primary de novo heart transplant recipients was performed at centers in the United States (20), in Canada (1), in Europe (5) and in Australia (2). The total number of patients enrolled (ITT population) was 650; 72 never received study drug and 578 received study drug (Safety Population). Patients received mycophenolate mofetil 1.5 g twice daily (n=289) or AZA 1.5 to 3 mg/kg/day (n=289), in combination with cyclosporine (Sandimmune® or Neoral®) and corticosteroids as maintenance immunosuppressive therapy. The two primary efficacy endpoints were: (1) the proportion of patients who, after transplantation, had at least one endomyocardial biopsy-proven rejection with hemodynamic compromise, or were re-transplanted or died, within the first 6 months, and (2) the proportion of patients who died or were re-transplanted during the first 12 months following transplantation. Patients who prematurely discontinued treatment
were followed for the occurrence of allograft rejection for up to 6 months and for the occurrence of death for 1 year.

The analyses of the endpoints showed:
- Rejection: No difference was established between mycophenolate mofetil and AZA with respect to biopsy-proven rejection with hemodynamic compromise.
- Survival: Mycophenolate mofetil was shown to be at least as effective as AZA in preventing death or re-transplantation at 1 year (see Table 13).

### Table 13. De Novo Heart Transplantation Study Rejection at 6 Months/Death or Retransplantation at 1 Year

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<td>Biopsy-proven rejection with hemodynamic compromise at 6 months</td>
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<td>Death or re-transplantation at 1 year</td>
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a Hemodynamic compromise occurred if any of the following criteria were met: pulmonary capillary wedge pressure ≥20 mm or a 25% increase; cardiac index less than 2.0 L/min/m² or a 25% decrease; ejection fraction ≤30%; pulmonary artery oxygen saturation ≤60% or a 25% decrease; presence of new S3 gallop; fractional shortening was ≤20% or a 25% decrease; inotropic support required to manage the clinical condition.

### 14.3 Liver Transplantation

A double-blind, randomized, comparative, parallel-group, multicenter study in primary hepatic transplant recipients was performed at centers in the United States (16), in Canada (2), in Europe (4) and in Australia (1). The total number of patients enrolled was 565. Per protocol, patients received mycophenolate mofetil 1 g twice daily intravenously for up to 14 days followed by mycophenolate mofetil 1.5 g twice daily orally or AZA 1 to 2 mg/kg/day intravenously followed by AZA 1 to 2 mg/kg/day orally, in combination with cyclosporine (Neoral®) and corticosteroids as maintenance immunosuppressive therapy. The actual median oral dose of AZA on study was 1.5 mg/kg/day (range of 0.3 to 3.8 mg/kg/day) initially and 1.26 mg/kg/day (range of 0.3 to 3.8 mg/kg/day) at 12 months. The two primary endpoints were:
1. The proportion of patients who experienced, in the first 6 months post-transplantation, one or more episodes of biopsy-proven and treated rejection or death or re-transplantation, and
2. The proportion of patients who experienced graft loss (death or re-transplantation) during the first 12 months post-transplantation. Patients who prematurely discontinued treatment were followed for the occurrence of allograft rejection and for the occurrence of graft loss (death or re-transplantation) for 1 year.

In combination with corticosteroids and cyclosporine, mycophenolate mofetil demonstrated a lower rate of acute rejection at 6 months and a similar rate of death or re-transplantation at 1 year compared to AZA (Table 14).

### Table 14. De Novo Liver Transplantation Study Rejection at 6 Months/Death or Retransplantation at 1 Year

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<td>Death or re-transplantation at 1 year</td>
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## 15 REFERENCES


## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

### 16.1 Handling and Disposal

Mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) has demonstrated teratogenic effects in humans [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Use in Specific Populations (8.1)]. Mycophenolate mofetil tablets should not be crushed and mycophenolate mofetil capsules should not be opened or crushed. Wearing disposable gloves is recommended during reconstitution and when wiping the outer surface of the bottle/cap and the table after reconstitution. Avoid inhalation or direct contact with skin or mucous membranes of the powder contained in mycophenolate mofetil capsules, mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension (before or after constitution), or mycophenolate mofetil intravenous (during or after preparation) [see Dosage and Administration (2.6)]. Follow applicable special handling and disposal procedures.

### 16.4 Mycophenolate Mofetil for Oral Suspension USP

Supplied as white to off white powder blend for constitution to white to off white mixed fruit flavor suspension. Supplied in the following presentations:

- 225mL bottle with bottle adapter and 2 oral dispensers. NDC 67877-230-22

**Storage:**
- Store dry powder at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F).
- Store constituted suspension at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F) for up to 60 days. Storage in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) is acceptable. Do not freeze.
17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Information for Patients
See FDA-approved patient labeling (Medication Guide and Instructions for Use)

17.1 Embryofetal Toxicity

Pregnancy loss and malformations
- Inform females of reproductive potential and pregnant women that use of mycophenolate mofetil during pregnancy is associated with an increased risk of first trimester pregnancy loss and an increased risk of congenital malformations. Advise that they must use an acceptable form of contraception [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1), Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.3)].
- Encourage pregnant women to enroll in the Pregnancy Exposure Registry. This registry monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to mycophenolate [see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)].

Contraception
- Discuss pregnancy testing, pregnancy prevention and planning with females of reproductive potential [see Use in Specific Populations (8.3)].
- Females of reproductive potential must use an acceptable form of birth control during the entire mycophenolate mofetil therapy and for 6 weeks after stopping mycophenolate mofetil, unless the patient chooses abstinence. Mycophenolate mofetil may reduce effectiveness of oral contraceptives. Use of additional barrier contraceptive methods is recommended [see Use in Specific Populations (8.3)].
- For patients who are considering pregnancy, discuss appropriate alternative immunosuppressants with less potential for embryofetal toxicity. Risks and benefits of mycophenolate mofetil should be discussed with the patient.
- Advise sexually active male patients and/or their partners to use effective contraception during the treatment of the male patient and for at least 90 days after cessation of treatment. This recommendation is based on findings of animal studies [see Use in Specific Populations (8.3), Nonclinical Toxicology (13.1)].

17.2 Development of Lymphoma and Other Malignancies
- Inform patients that they are at increased risk of developing lymphomas and other malignancies, particularly of the skin, due to immunosuppression [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].
- Advise patients to limit exposure to sunlight and ultraviolet (UV) light by wearing protective clothing and use of sunscreen with high protection factor.

17.3 Increased Risk of Serious Infections
Inform patients that they are at increased risk of developing a variety of infections due to immunosuppression. Instruct them to contact their physician if they develop any of the signs and symptoms of infection explained in the Medication Guide.

17.4 Blood Dyscrasias
Inform patients that they are at increased risk for developing blood adverse effects such as anemia or low white blood cells. Advise patients to immediately contact their healthcare provider if they experience any evidence of infection, unexpected bruising, or bleeding, or any other manifestation of bone marrow suppression [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)].

17.5 Gastrointestinal Tract Complications
Inform patients that mycophenolate mofetil can cause gastrointestinal tract complications including bleeding, intestinal perforations, and gastric or duodenal ulcers. Advise the patient to contact their healthcare provider if they have symptoms of gastrointestinal bleeding, or sudden onset or persistent abdominal pain [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)].

17.6 Immunizations
Inform patients that mycophenolate mofetil can interfere with the usual response to immunizations. Before seeking vaccines on their own, advise patients to discuss first with their physician. [see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)].

17.7 Administration Instructions
- Advise patients not to crush mycophenolate mofetil tablets and not to open mycophenolate mofetil capsules.
- Advise patients to avoid inhalation or contact of the skin or mucous membranes with the powder contained in mycophenolate mofetil capsules and with the oral suspension. If such contact occurs, they must wash the area of contact thoroughly with soap and water. In case of ocular contact, rinse eyes with plain water.
- Advise patients to take a missed dose as soon as they remember, except if it is closer than 2 hours to the next scheduled dose; in this case they should continue to take mycophenolate mofetil at the usual times.

17.8 Blood Donation
Advise patients not to donate blood during therapy and for at least 6 weeks following discontinuation of mycophenolate mofetil.

17.9 Semen Donation
Advise males of childbearing potential not to donate semen during therapy and for 90 days following discontinuation of mycophenolate mofetil.

17.10 Potential to Impair Driving and Use of Machinery
Advise patients that mycophenolate mofetil can affect the ability to drive or operate machines. Patients should avoid driving or operating machines if they experience somnolence, confusion, dizziness, tremor or hypotension during treatment with mycophenolate mofetil.
Mycophenolate mofetil and can lead to hospitalizations and death. These serious infections can include:

- Yeasts and other types of fungal infections can happen with mycophenolate mofetil. Yeasts and other types of fungal infections can happen with mycophenolate mofetil.

Increased risk of getting certain cancers. People who take mycophenolate mofetil have a higher risk of getting lymphoma, and other cancers, especially skin cancer. Tell your doctor if you have:

- unexplained fever, prolonged tiredness, weight loss or lymph node swelling
- a brown or black skin lesion with uneven borders, or one part of the lesion does not look like the other
- a change in the size and color of a mole
- a new skin lesion or bump
- any other changes to your health

Increased risk of getting serious infections. Mycophenolate mofetil weakens the body's immune system and affects your ability to fight infections. Serious infections can happen with mycophenolate mofetil and can lead to hospitalizations and death. These serious infections can include:

- Viral infections. Certain viruses can live in your body and cause active infections when your immune system is weak. Viral infections that can happen with mycophenolate mofetil include:
  - Shingles, other herpes infections, and cytomegalovirus (CMV). CMV can cause serious tissue and blood infections.
  - BK virus. BK virus can affect how your kidney works and cause your transplanted kidney to fail.
  - Hepatitis B and C viruses. Hepatitis viruses can affect how your liver works.

- A brain infection called Progressive Multifocal Leuкоencephalopathy (PML). In some patients, mycophenolate mofetil may cause an infection of the brain that may cause death. You are at risk for this brain infection because you have a weakened immune system. Call your doctor right away if you have any of the following symptoms:
  - weakness on one side of the body
  - you do not care about things you usually care about (apathy)
  - you cannot control your muscles

- Fungal infections. Yeasts and other types of fungal infections can happen with mycophenolate mofetil and can cause serious tissue and blood infections. (See "What are the possible side effects of mycophenolate mofetil?").

Call your doctor right away if you have any of the following signs and symptoms of infection:

- temperature of 100.5°F or greater
- cold symptoms, such as a runny nose or sore throat
- pain during urination
What is mycophenolate mofetil?
Mycophenolate mofetil is a prescription medicine to prevent rejection (antirejection medicine) in people who have received a kidney, heart or liver transplant. Rejection is when the body’s immune system perceives the new organ as a “foreign” threat and attacks it.

Mycophenolate mofetil is used with other medicines containing cyclosporine and corticosteroids.

Who should not take mycophenolate mofetil?
Do not take mycophenolate mofetil if you are allergic to mycophenolate mofetil or any of the ingredients in mycophenolate mofetil. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in mycophenolate mofetil.

What should I tell my doctor before taking mycophenolate mofetil?
Tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have any digestive problems, such as ulcers.
- have Phenylketonuria (PKU). Mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension contains aspartame (a source of phenylalanine).
- have Lesch-Nyhan syndrome, Kelley-Seegmiller syndrome, or another rare inherited deficiency hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl-transferase (HGPRT). You should not take mycophenolate mofetil if you have one of these disorders.
- plan to receive any vaccines. People taking mycophenolate mofetil should not receive live vaccines. Some vaccines may not work as well during treatment with mycophenolate mofetil.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. See “What is the most important information I should know about mycophenolate mofetil?”
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if mycophenolate mofetil passes into breast milk. You and your doctor will decide if you will take mycophenolate mofetil or breastfeed.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements. Some medicines may affect the way mycophenolate mofetil works, and mycophenolate mofetil may affect how some medicines work. Especially tell your doctor if you take:

- birth control pills (oral contraceptives). See “What is the most important information I should know about mycophenolate mofetil?”
- sevelamer (Renagel®, Renvela®). These products should be taken at least 2 hours after taking mycophenolate mofetil.
- acyclovir (Zovirax®), valacyclovir (Valtrex®), ganciclovir (CYTOVENE®-IV, Viraasert®), valganciclovir (VALCYTE®).
- rifampin (Rifater®, Rifamycin®, Rimactane®, Rifadin®).
- antacids that contain magnesium and aluminum (mycophenolate mofetil and the antacid should not be taken at the same time).
- proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) (Prevacid®, Protonix®).
- sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim (BACTRIM®, BACTRIM DSTM).
- norfloxacin (Noroxin®) and metronidazole (Flagyl®, Flagyl® ER, Flagyl® IV, Metro IV, Helidac®, PyleraTM).
- ciprofloxacin (Cipro®, Cipro® XR, Ciloxan®, Proquin®XR) and amoxicillin plus clavulanic acid (Augmentin®, Augmentin XRTM).
- azathioprine (Azasan®, Imuran®).
- cholestyramine (Questran Light®, Questran®, Locholest Light, Locholest, Prevalite®).

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show to your doctor or nurse and pharmacist when you get a new medicine. Do not take any new medicine without talking with your doctor.

How should I take mycophenolate mofetil?

- Take mycophenolate mofetil exactly as prescribed.
- Do not stop taking mycophenolate mofetil or change the dose unless your doctor tells you to.
- If you miss a dose of mycophenolate mofetil, or you are not sure when you took your last dose, take your prescribed dose of mycophenolate mofetil as soon as you remember. If your next dose is less than 2 hours away, skip the missed dose and take your next dose at your normal scheduled time. Do not take 2 doses at the same time. Call your doctor if you are not sure what to do.
- Take mycophenolate mofetil capsules, tablets and oral suspension on an empty stomach, unless your doctor tells you otherwise.
- Do not crush mycophenolate mofetil tablets.
- Do not open or crush mycophenolate mofetil capsules.
- If you are not able to swallow mycophenolate mofetil tablets or capsules, your doctor may prescribe mycophenolate mofetil Oral Suspension. This is a liquid form of mycophenolate mofetil. Your pharmacist will mix the medicine before you pick it up from a pharmacy.
- Do not mix mycophenolate mofetil Oral Suspension with any other medicine. Mycophenolate mofetil Oral Suspension should not be mixed with any type of liquids before taking the dose. See the Instructions for Use at the end of this Medication Guide for detailed instructions about how to take mycophenolate mofetil Oral Suspension the right way.
- Do not breathe in (inhale) or let mycophenolate mofetil powder or oral suspension come in contact with your skin or mucous membranes.

If you accidentally get the powder or oral suspension on the skin, wash the area well with soap and water.

If you accidentally get the powder or oral suspension in your eyes or other mucous membranes, flush with plain water.

- If you take too much mycophenolate mofetil, call your doctor or the poison control center right away.
What should I avoid while taking mycophenolate mofetil?

- Avoid becoming pregnant. See “What is the most important information I should know about mycophenolate mofetil?”
- Limit the amount of time you spend in sunlight. Avoid using tanning beds or sunlamps. People who take mycophenolate mofetil have a higher risk of getting skin cancer (See “What is the most important information I should know about mycophenolate mofetil?”). Wear protective clothing when you are in the sun and use a sunscreen with a high protection factor. This is especially important if your skin is very fair or if you have a family history of skin cancer.
- You should not donate blood while taking mycophenolate mofetil and for at least 6 weeks after stopping mycophenolate mofetil.
- You should not donate sperm while taking mycophenolate mofetil and for 90 days after stopping mycophenolate mofetil.
- Mycophenolate mofetil may influence your ability to drive and use machines (See “What are the possible side effects of mycophenolate mofetil?”). If you experience drowsiness, confusion, dizziness, tremor, or low blood pressure during treatment with mycophenolate mofetil, you should be cautious about driving or using heavy machines.

What are the possible side effects of mycophenolate mofetil?

Mycophenolate mofetil can cause serious side effects, including:

- Low blood cell counts. People taking high doses of mycophenolate mofetil each day may have a decrease in blood counts, including:

  o white blood cells, especially neutrophils. Neutrophils fight against bacterial infections. You have a higher chance of getting an infection when your white blood cell count is low. This is most common from 1 month to 6 months after your transplant.
  o red blood cells. Red blood cells carry oxygen to your body tissues. You have a higher chance of getting severe anemia when your red blood cell count is low.
  o platelets. Platelets help with blood clotting.

Your doctor will do blood tests before you start taking mycophenolate mofetil and during treatment with mycophenolate mofetil to check your blood cell counts. Tell your doctor right away if you have any signs of infection (See “What is the most important information I should know about mycophenolate mofetil?”), including any unexpected bruising or bleeding. Also, tell your doctor if you have unusual tiredness, lack of energy, dizziness or fainting.

- Stomach problems. Stomach problems including intestinal bleeding, a tear in your intestinal wall (perforation) or stomach ulcers can happen in people who take mycophenolate mofetil. Bleeding can be severe and you may have to be hospitalized for treatment. Call your doctor right away if you have sudden or severe stomach-area pain or stomach-area pain that does not go away, or if you have diarrhea.

The most common side effects of mycophenolate mofetil include:

- diarrhea
- blood problems including low white and red blood cell counts
- infections
- blood pressure problems
- fast heart beat
- swelling of the lower legs, ankles and feet
- changes in laboratory blood levels, including high levels of blood sugar (hyperglycemia)
- stomach problems including diarrhea, constipation, nausea and vomiting
- rash
- nervous system problems such as headache, dizziness and tremor

Side effects that can happen more often in children than in adults taking mycophenolate mofetil include:

- stomach area pain
- fever
- infection
- pain
- blood infection (sepsis)
- diarrhea
- vomiting
- sore throat
- colds (respiratory tract infections)
- high blood pressure
- low white blood cell count
- low red blood cell count

These are not all of the possible side effects of mycophenolate mofetil. Tell your doctor about any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store mycophenolate mofetil?

- Store mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension at room temperature between 59oF to 86oF (15oC to 30oC), for up to 60 days. You can also store mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension in the refrigerator between 36oF to 46oF (2oC to 8oC). Do not freeze.

General Information about the safe and effective use of mycophenolate mofetil.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use mycophenolate mofetil for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give mycophenolate mofetil to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Mycophenolate Mofetil Oral Suspension

Be sure that you read, understand and follow these instructions carefully to ensure proper dosing of mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension.

Important:
- Always use the oral dispenser provided with mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension to make sure you measure the right amount of medicine.
- Call your pharmacist if your oral dispenser is lost or damaged.
- Your pharmacist will write the expiration date on your mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension bottle label. Do not use after the expiration date.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions or are unsure about how to take your dose of medicine.

Step 1: With the child-resistant cap on the bottle, shake the bottle well for about 5 seconds before each use.

Step 2: Open the bottle by pressing down on the child-resistant bottle cap and turning it counterclockwise (to the left). Do not throw away the child-resistant bottle cap.

Step 3: Before inserting the tip of the oral dispenser into the bottle adapter, push the plunger completely down toward the tip of the oral dispenser. Insert the tip firmly into the opening of the bottle adapter. To take a dose of mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension, you will need the bottle of medicine and an oral dispenser provided with the medicine (See Figure 1). Your pharmacist will insert the bottle adapter in the mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension bottle.

Step 4: Carefully turn the bottle upside down with the oral dispenser in place. Slowly pull the plunger down to withdraw your prescribed dose. Do not pull the plunger out of the oral dispenser (See Figure 2).
Step 5: Leave the oral dispenser in the bottle and turn the bottle to an upright position. Slowly remove the oral dispenser from the bottle.

Step 6: Place the tip of the oral dispenser in the patient’s mouth and slowly push the plunger down until the oral dispenser is empty. The mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension that is in the oral dispenser should not be mixed with any type of liquids before taking the dose.

Step 7: Put the child-resistant bottle cap back on the bottle after each use.

Step 8: Rinse the oral dispenser under running tap water after each use:

- Remove the plunger from the oral dispenser.
- Rinse the oral dispenser and plunger with water and let them air dry.
- When the oral dispenser and plunger are dry, put the plunger back in the oral dispenser for the next use.

Important:

- Do not let mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension come in contact with the skin. If this happens, wash the skin well with soap and water.
- If you spill any oral suspension, wipe it up using paper towels wet with water. Put the child-resistant bottle cap back on the bottle and wipe the outside of the bottle with wet paper towels.

How should I store mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension?

- Store the mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension at room temperature between 59°F to 86°F (15°C to 30°C), for up to 60 days. You can also store mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension in the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C).
- Do not freeze.

Keep mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension and all medicines out of the reach of children.

This Instructions for Use has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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PACKAGE LABEL:PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL

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Ascend Laboratories, LLC
NDC 67877-230-22
Mycophenolate Mofetil For Oral Suspension USP 200 mg/ml
Rx Only

Carton Label
Ascend Laboratories, LLC
NDC 67877-230-22
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Rx Only
# MYCOPHENOLATE MOFETIL

**mycophenolate mofetil powder, for suspension**

## Product Information

- **Product Type**: HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG
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