COLCHICINE- colchicine tablet
Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use COLCHICINE TABLETS safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for COLCHICINE TABLETS.

COLCHICINE tablets, for oral use
Initial U.S. Approval: 1961

INDICATIONS AND USAGE
Colchicine tablets, USP are an alkaloid indicated for:
- Familial Mediterranean fever (FMF) in adults and children 4 years or older (1.2).

Colchicine tablets, USP are not an analgesic medication and should not be used to treat pain from other causes.

- FMF: Adults and children older than 12 years 1.2 to 2.4 mg; children 6 to 12 years 0.9 to 1.8 mg; children 4 to 6 years 0.3 to 1.8 mg (2.2, 2.3).
  - Give total daily dose in one or two divided doses (2.2).
  - Increase or decrease the dose as indicated and as tolerated in increments of 0.3 mg/day, not to exceed the maximum recommended daily dose (2.2).

Colchicine tablets, USP are administered orally without regard to meals. See full prescribing information for dose adjustment regarding patients with impaired renal function (2.5), impaired hepatic function (2.6), the patient’s age (2.3, 8.5) or use of co-administered drugs (2.4).

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS
- 0.6 mg tablets (3).

CONTRAINDICATIONS
Patients with renal or hepatic impairment should not be given colchicine, USP in conjunction with P-gp or strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (5.3).
In these patients, life-threatening and fatal colchicine, USP toxicity has been reported with colchicine, USP taken in therapeutic doses (7).

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
- Fatal overdoses have been reported with colchicine in adults and children. Keep colchicine out of the reach of children (5.1, 10).
- Blood dyscrasias: myelosuppression, leukopenia, granulocytopenia, thrombocytopenia and aplastic anemia have been reported (5.2).
- Monitor for toxicity and if present consider temporary interruption or discontinuation of colchicine (5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 6, 10).
- Drug interaction P-gp and/or CYP3A4 inhibitors: Co-administration of colchicine with P-gp and/or strong CYP3A4 inhibitors has resulted in life-threatening interactions and death (5.3, 7).
- Neuromuscular toxicity: Myotoxicity including rhabdomyolysis may occur, especially in combination with other drugs known to cause this effect. Consider temporary interruption or discontinuation of colchicine (5.4, 7).

ADVERSE REACTIONS
FMF: Most common adverse reactions (up to 20%) are abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. These effects are usually mild, transient and reversible upon lowering the dose (6).

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Amneal Pharmaceuticals at 1-877-835-5472 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

DRUG INTERACTIONS
Co-administration of P-gp and/or CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., clarithromycin or cyclosporine) have been demonstrated to alter the concentration of colchicine. The potential for drug-drug interactions must be considered prior to and during therapy. See full prescribing information for a complete list of reported and potential interactions (2.4, 5.3, 7).

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS
- In the presence of mild to moderate renal or hepatic impairment, adjustment of dosing is not required for treatment of FMF, but patients should be monitored closely (2.5, 8.6).
- In FMF patients with severe renal impairment, start with 0.3 mg/day and any increase in dose should be done with close monitoring (2.5, 8.6).
- In patients with severe hepatic impairment, a dose reduction may be needed in FMF patients (2.5, 2.6, 8.6, 8.7).
For FMF patients undergoing dialysis, the starting dose should be 0.3 mg per day and dosing can be increased with close monitoring (2.5, 8.6).

Pregnancy: Use only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus (8.1).

Nursing Mothers: Caution should be exercised when administered to a nursing woman (8.3).

Geriatric Use: The recommended dose of colchicine should be based on renal function (2.5, 8.5).

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide.

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

1.2 Familial Mediterranean Fever (FMF)
Colchicine tablets, USP are indicated in adults and children 4 years or older for treatment of familial Mediterranean fever (FMF).

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION
The long-term use of colchicine, USP is established for FMF. The dosing regimens for colchicine tablets, USP are different for each indication and must be individualized.

The recommended dosage of colchicine tablets, USP depends on the patient’s age, renal function, hepatic function and use of co-administered drugs [see Dose Modification for Co-administration of Interacting Drugs (2.4)].

Colchicine tablets, USP are administered orally without regard to meals.

Colchicine tablets, USP are not an analgesic medication and should not be used to treat pain from other causes.

2.2 FMF
The recommended dosage of colchicine tablets, USP for FMF in adults is 1.2 mg to 2.4 mg daily.

Colchicine tablets, USP should be increased as needed to control disease and as tolerated in increments of 0.3 mg/day to a maximum recommended daily dose. If intolerable side effects develop, the dose should be decreased in increments of 0.3 mg/day. The total daily colchicine tablets, USP dose may be administered in one to two divided doses.

2.3 Recommended Pediatric Dosage

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The recommended dosage of colchicine tablets, USP for FMF in pediatric patients 4 years of age and older is based on age. The following daily doses may be given as a single or divided dose twice daily:
- Children 4 to 6 years: 0.3 mg to 1.8 mg daily
- Children 6 to 12 years: 0.9 mg to 1.8 mg daily
- Adolescents older than 12 years: 1.2 mg to 2.4 mg daily

2.4 Dose Modification for Co-administration of Interacting Drugs

Concomitant Therapy
Co-administration of colchicine tablets, USP with drugs known to inhibit CYP3A4 and/or P-glycoprotein (P-gp) increases the risk of colchicine-induced toxic effects (Table 1). If patients are taking or have recently completed treatment with drugs listed in Table 1 within the prior 14 days, the dose adjustments are as shown in the table below [see Drug Interactions (7)].

Table 1. Colchicine Tablets, USP Dose Adjustment for Co-administration with Interacting Drugs if no Alternative Available

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<th>Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors†</th>
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<td>Atazanavir</td>
<td>Significant increase in colchicine, USP plasma levels*; fatal colchicine, USP toxicity has been reported with clarithromycin, a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor.</td>
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**Moderate CYP3A4 Inhibitors**

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<td>Amprenavir‡</td>
<td>Significant increase in colchicine, USP plasma concentration is anticipated. Neuromuscular toxicity has been reported with diltiazem and verapamil interactions.</td>
<td>Maximum daily dose of 1.2 to 2.4 mg</td>
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**P-gp Inhibitors‡**

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<td>Cyclosporine</td>
<td>Significant increase in colchicine, USP plasma levels*; fatal colchicine, USP toxicity has been reported with cyclosporine, a P-gp inhibitor. Similarly, significant increase in colchicine, USP plasma levels is anticipated with other P-gp inhibitors.</td>
<td>Maximum daily dose of 1.2 to 2.4 mg</td>
<td>Maximum daily dose of 0.6 mg (may be given as 0.3 mg twice a day)</td>
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<td>Ranolazine</td>
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For magnitude of effect on colchicine, USP plasma concentrations [see Pharmacokinetics (12.3)].

† Patients with renal or hepatic impairment should not be given colchicine tablets, USP in conjunction with strong CYP3A4 or P-gp inhibitors [see Contraindications (4)].

‡ When used in combination with Ritonavir, see dosing recommendations for strong CYP3A4 inhibitors [see Contraindications (4)].

Table 2. Colchicine Tablets, USP Dose Adjustment for Co-administration with Protease Inhibitors

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<th>Protease Inhibitor</th>
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<td>Atazanavir sulfate (Reyataz)</td>
<td>Patients with renal or hepatic impairment should not be given colchicine, USP with Reyataz.</td>
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<td>Darunavir (Prezista)</td>
<td>Patients with renal or hepatic impairment should not be given colchicine, USP with Prezista/ritonavir.</td>
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<td>Fosamprenavir (Lexiva) with Ritonavir</td>
<td>Patients with renal or hepatic impairment should not be given colchicine, USP with Lexiva/ritonavir.</td>
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<td>Fosamprenavir (Lexiva)</td>
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<td>Indinavir (Crixivan)</td>
<td>Patients with renal or hepatic impairment should not be given colchicine, USP with Crixivan</td>
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<td>Lopinavir/Ritonavir (Kaletra)</td>
<td>Patients with renal or hepatic impairment should not be given colchicine, USP</td>
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<td>Drug Combination</td>
<td>Patients with renal or hepatic impairment should not be given colchicine, USP with</td>
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<td>Kaletra</td>
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<td>Nelfinavir mesylate (Viracept)</td>
<td>Patients with renal or hepatic impairment should not be given colchicine, USP with Viracept</td>
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<td>Ritonavir (Norvir)</td>
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<td>Saquinavir mesylate (Invirase)</td>
<td>Patients with renal or hepatic impairment should not be given colchicine, USP with Invirase/ritonavir</td>
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<td>Tipranavir (Aptivus)</td>
<td>Patients with renal or hepatic impairment should not be given colchicine, USP with Aptivus/ritonavir</td>
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### 2.5 Dose Modification in Renal Impairment

Colchicine, USP dosing must be individualized according to the patient's renal function. [see Renal Impairment (8.6)].

Cl\textsubscript{cr} in mL/minute may be estimated from serum creatinine (mg/dL) determination using the following formula:

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\text{Cl}_{\text{cr}} = \frac{[140-\text{age (years)} \times \text{weight (kg)}]}{72 \times \text{serum creatinine (mg/dL)}} \\
\times 0.85 \text{ for female patients}
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Caution should be taken in dosing patients with moderate and severe renal impairment and in patients undergoing dialysis. For these patients, the dosage should be reduced. [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]. Patients with mild (Cl\textsubscript{cr} 50 to 80 mL/min) and moderate (Cl\textsubscript{cr} 30 to 50 mL/min) renal impairment should be monitored closely for adverse effects of colchicine tablets, USP. Dose reduction may be necessary. For patients with severe renal failure (Cl\textsubscript{cr} less than 30 mL/min), start with 0.3 mg/day; any increase in dose should be done with adequate monitoring of the patient for adverse effects of colchicine. [see Renal Impairment (8.6)]. For patients undergoing dialysis, the total recommended starting dose should be 0.3 mg (half tablet) per day. Dosing can be increased with close monitoring. Any increase in dose should be done with adequate monitoring of the patient for adverse effects of colchicine.
colchicine [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3) and Renal Impairment (8.6)].

2.6 Dose Modification in Hepatic Impairment

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Patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment should be monitored closely for adverse effects of colchicine. Dose reduction should be considered in patients with severe hepatic impairment [see Hepatic Impairment (8.7)].

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

0.6 mg tablets - purple capsule-shaped, film-coated tablets, scored on one side and debossed with “A10” on the other side.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Patients with renal or hepatic impairment should not be given colchicine, USP in conjunction with P-gp or strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (this includes all protease inhibitors except fosamprenavir). In these patients, life-threatening and fatal colchicine, USP toxicity has been reported with colchicine, USP taken in therapeutic doses.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Fatal Overdose

Fatal overdoses, both accidental and intentional, have been reported in adults and children who have ingested colchicine [see Overdosage (10)]. Colchicine should be kept out of the reach of children.

5.2 Blood Dyscrasias

Myelosuppression, leukopenia, granulocytopenia, thrombocytopenia, pancytopenia and aplastic anemia have been reported with colchicine used in therapeutic doses.

5.3 Drug Interactions

Colchicine is a P-gp and CYP3A4 substrate. Life-threatening and fatal drug interactions have been reported in patients treated with colchicine given with P-gp and strong CYP3A4 inhibitors. If treatment with a P-gp or strong CYP3A4 inhibitor is required in patients with normal renal and hepatic function, the patient’s dose of colchicine may need to be reduced or interrupted [see Drug Interactions (7)]. Use of colchicine in conjunction with P-gp or strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (this includes all protease inhibitors except fosamprenavir) is contraindicated in patients with renal or hepatic impairment [see Contraindications (4)].

5.4 Neuromuscular Toxicity

Colchicine-induced neuromuscular toxicity and rhabdomyolysis have been reported with chronic treatment in therapeutic doses. Patients with renal dysfunction and elderly patients, even those with normal renal and hepatic function, are at increased risk. Concomitant use of atorvastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin, gemfibrozil, fenofibrate, fenofibric acid or benzafibrate (themselves associated with myotoxicity) or cyclosporine with colchicine may potentiate the development of myopathy [see Drug Interactions (7)]. Once colchicine is stopped, the symptoms generally resolve within one week to several months.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

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Gastrointestinal tract adverse effects are the most frequent side effects in patients initiating colchicine, usually presenting within 24 hours, and occurring in up to 20% of patients given therapeutic doses. Typical symptoms include cramping, nausea, diarrhea, abdominal pain and vomiting. These events should be viewed as dose-limiting if severe, as they can herald the onset of more significant toxicity.

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

Serious toxic manifestations associated with colchicine include myelosuppression, disseminated intravascular coagulation and injury to cells in the renal, hepatic, circulatory and central nervous systems.

These most often occur with excessive accumulation or overdosage [see Overdosage (10)].

The following adverse reactions have been reported with colchicine. These have been generally reversible upon temporarily interrupting treatment or lowering the dose of colchicine.

**Neurological:** sensory motor neuropathy

**Dermatological:** alopecia, maculopapular rash, purpura, rash

**Digestive:** abdominal cramping, abdominal pain, diarrhea, lactose intolerance, nausea, vomiting

**Hematological:** leukopenia, granulocytopenia, thrombocytopenia, pancytopenia, aplastic anemia

**Hepatobiliary:** elevated AST, elevated ALT

**Musculoskeletal:** myopathy, elevated CPK, myotonia, muscle weakness, muscle pain, rhabdomyolysis

**Reproductive:** azoospermia, oligospermia

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

Colchicine is a substrate of the efflux transporter P-glycoprotein (P-gp). Of the cytochrome P450 enzymes tested, CYP3A4 was mainly involved in the metabolism of colchicine. If colchicine is administered with drugs that inhibit P-gp, most of which also inhibit CYP3A4, increased concentrations of colchicine are likely. Fatal drug interactions have been reported.

Physicians should ensure that patients are suitable candidates for treatment with colchicine and remain alert for signs and symptoms of toxicities related to increased colchicine exposure as a result of a drug interaction. Signs and symptoms of colchicine toxicity should be evaluated promptly and, if toxicity is suspected, colchicine should be discontinued immediately.

Table 4 provides recommendations as a result of other potentially significant drug interactions. Table 1 provides recommendations for strong and moderate CYP3A4 inhibitors and P-gp inhibitors.

Table 4. Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions

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<td>HMG-Co A Reductase Inhibitors: atorvastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, simvastatin</td>
<td>Pharmacokinetic and/or pharmacodynamic interaction: the addition of one drug to a stable long-term regimen of the other has resulted in myopathy and rhabdomyolysis (including a fatality)</td>
<td>Weigh the potential benefits and risks and carefully monitor patients for any signs or symptoms of muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness, particularly during initial therapy; monitoring CPK (creatine</td>
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Drugs: fibrates, gemfibrozil

Phosphokinase) will not necessarily prevent the occurrence of severe myopathy.

Digitalis Glycosides: digoxin

P-gp substrate; rhabdomyolysis has been reported

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Pregnancy Category C

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies with colchicine in pregnant women. Colchicine crosses the human placenta. Data from a limited number of published studies found no evidence of an increased risk of miscarriage, stillbirth or teratogenic effects among pregnant women using colchicine to treat familial Mediterranean fever (FMF). Although animal reproductive and developmental studies were not conducted with colchicine, published animal reproduction and development studies indicate that colchicine causes embryofetal toxicity, teratogenicity and altered postnatal development at exposures within or above the clinical therapeutic range. Colchicine should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

8.2 Labor and Delivery

The effect of colchicine on labor and delivery is unknown.

8.3 Nursing Mothers

Colchicine is excreted into human milk. Limited information suggests that exclusively breastfed infants receive less than 10 percent of the maternal weight-adjusted dose. While there are no published reports of adverse effects in breastfeeding infants of mothers taking colchicine, colchicine can affect gastrointestinal cell renewal and permeability. Caution should be exercised, and breastfeeding infants should be observed for adverse effects when colchicine is administered to a nursing woman.

8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and efficacy of colchicine in children of all ages with FMF has been evaluated in uncontrolled studies. There does not appear to be an adverse effect on growth in children with FMF treated long-term with colchicine.

8.5 Geriatric Use

Clinical studies with colchicine for treatment of FMF did not include sufficient numbers of patients aged 65 years and older to determine whether they respond differently from younger patients. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased renal function, concomitant disease or other drug therapy [see Dose Modification for Co-administration of Interacting Drugs (2.4) and Pharmacokinetics (12.3)].

8.6 Renal Impairment

Colchicine is significantly excreted in urine in healthy subjects. Clearance of colchicine is decreased in patients with impaired renal function. Total body clearance of colchicine was reduced by 75% in patients with end-stage renal disease undergoing dialysis.
Although, pharmacokinetics of colchicine in patients with mild (Cl\text{cr} 50 to 80 mL/min) and moderate (Cl\text{cr} 30 to 50 mL/min) renal impairment is not known, these patients should be monitored closely for adverse effects of colchicine. Dose reduction may be necessary. In patients with severe renal failure (Cl\text{cr} less than 30 mL/min) and end-stage renal disease requiring dialysis, colchicine may be started at the dose of 0.3 mg/day. Any increase in dose should be done with adequate monitoring of the patient for adverse effects of Colchicine [see Pharmacokinetics (12.3) and Dose Modification in Renal Impairment (2.5)].

### 8.7 Hepatic Impairment
The clearance of colchicine may be significantly reduced and plasma half-life prolonged in patients with chronic hepatic impairment compared to healthy subjects [see Pharmacokinetics (12.3)].

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In patients with severe hepatic disease, dose reduction should be considered with careful monitoring [see Pharmacokinetics (12.3) and Dose Modification in Hepatic Impairment (2.6)].

### 9 DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE
Tolerance, abuse or dependence with colchicine has not been reported.

### 10 OVERDOSAGE
The exact dose of colchicine that produces significant toxicity is unknown. Fatalities have occurred after ingestion of a dose as low as 7 mg over a four-day period, while other patients have survived after ingesting more than 60 mg. A review of 150 patients who overdosed on colchicine found that those who ingested less than 0.5 mg/kg survived and tended to have milder toxicities such as gastrointestinal symptoms, whereas those who took 0.5 to 0.8 mg/kg had more severe reactions such as myelosuppression. There was 100% mortality in those who ingested more than 0.8 mg/kg.

The first stage of acute colchicine toxicity typically begins within 24 hours of ingestion and includes gastrointestinal symptoms such as abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and significant fluid loss, leading to volume depletion. Peripheral leukocytosis may also be seen. Life-threatening complications occur during the second stage, which occurs 24 to 72 hours after drug administration, attributed to multiorgan failure and its consequences. Death is usually a result of respiratory depression and cardiovascular collapse. If the patient survives, recovery of multiorgan injury may be accompanied by rebound leukocytosis and alopecia starting about one week after the initial ingestion.

Treatment of colchicine poisoning should begin with gastric lavage and measures to prevent shock. Otherwise, treatment is symptomatic and supportive. No specific antidote is known. Colchicine is not effectively removed by dialysis [see Pharmacokinetics (12.3)].

### 11 DESCRIPTION
Colchicine, USP is an alkaloid chemically described as (S)N- (5,6,7,9-tetrahydro- 1,2,3, 10-tetramethoxy-9-oxobenzo [alpha] heptalen-7-yl) acetamide with a molecular formula of C\text{22}H\text{25}NO\text{6} and a molecular weight of 399.4. The structural formula of colchicine, USP is given below.
Colchicine, USP occurs as a pale yellow powder that is soluble in water.

Colchicine tablets, USP are supplied for oral administration as purple, capsule-shaped, film-coated tablets, scored on one side and debossed with "A10" on the other, containing 0.6 mg of the active ingredient colchicine, USP. Inactive ingredients: ethanol, FD&C blue #2, FD&C red #40, hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, macrogol, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polydextrose, pregelatinized starch (corn), purified water, sodium starch glycolate, titanium dioxide and triacetin.

USP Dissolution Test Pending.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

The mechanism by which colchicine exerts its beneficial effect in patients with FMF has not been fully elucidated; however, evidence suggests that colchicine may interfere with the intracellular assembly of the inflammasome complex present in neutrophils and monocytes that mediates activation of interleukin-1β. Additionally, colchicine disrupts cytoskeletal functions through inhibition of β-tubulin polymerization into microtubules and consequently prevents the activation, degranulation and migration of neutrophils.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Absorption

In healthy adults, colchicine is absorbed when given orally, reaching a mean $C_{max}$ of 2.5 ng/mL (range 1.1 to 4.4 ng/mL) in one to two hours (range 0.5 to three hours) after a single dose administered under fasting conditions.

Following oral administration of colchicine given as 1.8 mg colchicine over one hour to healthy, young adults under fasting conditions, colchicine appears to be readily absorbed, reaching mean maximum plasma concentrations of 6.2 ng/mL at a median 1.81 hours (range: 1 to 2.5 hours). Following administration of the nonrecommended high-dose regimen (4.8 mg over six hours), mean maximal plasma concentrations were 6.8 ng/mL, at a median 4.47 hours (range: 3.1 to 7.5 hours).

After 10 days on a regimen of 0.6 mg twice daily, peak concentrations are 3.1 to 3.6 ng/mL (range 1.6 to 6 ng/mL), occurring 1.3 to 1.4 hours post dose (range 0.5 to 3 hours). Mean pharmacokinetic parameter values in healthy adults are shown in Table 5.

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* T<sub>max</sub> mean (range)
CL = Dose/AUC<sub>0-t</sub> (calculated from mean values)
V<sub>d</sub> = CL/Ke (calculated from mean values)

In some subjects, secondary colchicine peaks are seen, occurring between three and 36 hours post dose and ranging from 39% to 155% of the height of the initial peak. These observations are attributed to intestinal secretion and reabsorption and/or biliary recirculation.

Absolute bioavailability is reported to be approximately 45%.

Administration of colchicine with food has no effect on the rate of colchicine absorption but does decrease the extent of colchicine by approximately 15%. This is without clinical significance.

**Distribution**

The mean apparent volume of distribution in healthy young volunteers is approximately 5 to 8 L/kg. Colchicine binding to serum protein is low, 39 ± 5%, primarily to albumin regardless of concentration. Colchicine crosses the placenta (plasma levels in the fetus are reported to be approximately 15% of the maternal concentration). Colchicine also distributes into breast milk at concentrations similar to those found in the maternal serum [see Pregnancy (8.1) and Nursing Mothers (8.3)].

**Metabolism**

Colchicine is demethylated to two primary metabolites, 2-O-demethylcolchicine and 3-O-demethylcolchicine (2- and 3-DMC, respectively) and one minor metabolite, 10-O-demethylcolchicine (also known as colchicine). In vitro studies using human liver microsomes have shown that CYP3A4 is involved in the metabolism of colchicine to 2- and 3-DMC. Plasma levels of these metabolites are minimal (less than 5% of parent drug).

**Elimination/Excretion**

In healthy volunteers (n=12), 40% to 65% of 1 mg orally administered colchicine was recovered unchanged in urine. Enterohepatic recirculation and biliary excretion are also postulated to play a role in colchicine elimination. Following multiple oral doses (0.6 mg twice daily), the mean elimination half-lives in young healthy volunteers (mean age 25 to 28 years of age) is 26.6 to 31.2 hours. Colchicine is a substrate of P-gp.

**Extracorporeal Elimination**

Colchicine is not removed by hemodialysis.

**Special Populations**

There is no difference between men and women in the pharmacokinetic disposition of colchicine.

**Pediatric Patients:** Pharmacokinetics of colchicine was not evaluated in pediatric patients.

**Elderly:** A published report described the pharmacokinetics of 1 mg oral colchicine tablet in four elderly women compared to six young healthy males. The mean age of the four elderly women was 83 years (range 75 to 93), mean weight was 47 kg (38 to 61 kg) and mean creatinine clearance was 46 mL/min (range 25 to 75 mL/min). Mean peak plasma levels and AUC of colchicine were two times higher in elderly subjects compared to young healthy males.

A pharmacokinetic study using a single oral dose of one 0.6 mg colchicine tablet was conducted in young healthy subjects (n=20) between the ages of 18 and 30 years and elderly subjects (n=18) between the ages of 60 and 70 years. Elderly subjects in this study had a median age of 62 years and a mean
A statistically significant difference in creatinine clearance (mean ± SD) was found between the two age groups (132.56 ± 23.16 mL/min for young vs. 87.02 ± 17.92 mL/min for elderly subjects, respectively). The following pharmacokinetic parameter values (mean ± SD) were observed for colchicine in the young and elderly subjects, respectively: AUC₀₋₅ (ng/hr/mL) 22.39 ± 6.95 and 25.01 ± 6.92; Cₘₐₓ (ng/mL) 2.61 ± 0.71 and 2.56 ± 0.97; Tₘₐₓ (hr) 1.38 ± 0.42 and 1.25 ± 0.43; apparent elimination half-life (hr) 24.92 ± 5.34 and 30.06 ± 10.78; and clearance (mL/min) 0.0321 ± 0.0091 and 0.0292 ± 0.0071.

Clinical studies with colchicine for treatment of FMF did not include sufficient numbers of patients aged 65 years and older to determine whether they respond differently than younger patients. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased renal function, concomitant disease or other drug therapy [see Dose Modification for Co-administration of Interacting Drugs (2.4) and Geriatric Use (8.5)].

Renal Impairment: Pharmacokinetics of colchicine in patients with mild and moderate renal impairment is not known. A published report described the disposition of colchicine (1 mg) in young adult men and women with FMF who had normal renal function or end-stage renal disease requiring dialysis. Patients with end-stage renal disease had 75% lower colchicine clearance (0.17 vs. 0.73 L/hr/kg) and prolonged plasma elimination half-life (18.8 hours vs. 4.4 hours) as compared to subjects with FMF and normal renal function [see Dose Modification in Renal Impairment (2.5) and Renal Impairment (8.6)].

Hepatic Impairment: Published reports on the pharmacokinetics of IV colchicine in patients with severe chronic liver disease, as well as those with alcoholic or primary biliary cirrhosis and normal renal function suggest wide interpatient variability. In some subjects with mild to moderate cirrhosis, the clearance of colchicine is significantly reduced and plasma half-life prolonged compared to healthy subjects. In subjects with primary biliary cirrhosis, no consistent trends were noted [see Dose Modification in Hepatic Impairment (2.6) and Hepatic Impairment (8.7)]. No pharmacokinetic data are available for patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C).

Drug Interactions

In vitro drug interactions: In vitro studies in human liver microsomes have shown that colchicine is not an inhibitor or inducer of CYP1A2, CYP2A6, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP2E1 or CYP3A4 activity.

In vivo drug interactions: The effects of co-administration of other drugs with colchicine on Cₘₐₓ, AUC and Cₘᵢₙ are summarized in Table 6 (effect of other drugs on colchicine) and Table 7 (effect of colchicine on other drugs). For information regarding clinical recommendations, see Table 1 in Dose Modification for Co-administration of Interacting Drugs [see Dose Modification for Co-administration of Interacting Drugs (2.4)].

Table 6. Drug Interactions: Pharmacokinetic Parameters for Colchicine Tablets in the Presence of the Co-Administered Drug

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Ritonavir 100 mg twice daily, 5 days single dose 0.6 mg 18 (79.2 to 447.4) (53.8 to 924.4)
Verapamil 240 mg daily, 5 days single dose 0.6 mg 24 (-47.1 to 149.5) (-9.8 to 217.2)
Diltiazem 240 mg daily, 7 days single dose 0.6 mg 20 (-46 to 318.3) (-30.2 to 338.6)
Azithromycin 500 mg × 1 day, then 250 mg × 4 days single dose 0.6 mg 21 (-41.7 to 222) (-24.3 to 241.1)
Grapefruit juice 240 mL twice daily, 4 days single dose 0.6 mg 21 (-53.4 to 55) (-46.4 to 62.2)

Estrogen-containing oral contraceptives: In healthy female volunteers given ethinyl estradiol and norethindrone (Ortho-Novum 1/35) co-administered with colchicine (0.6 mg twice daily × 14 days), hormone concentrations are not affected.

In healthy volunteers given theophylline co-administered with colchicine (0.6 mg twice daily × 14 days), theophylline concentrations were not affected.

Table 7. Drug Interactions: Pharmacokinetic Parameters for Co-Administration of Drug in the Presence of Colchicine Tablets

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<td>Norethindrone</td>
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<td>0.94 (-37.3 to 59.4) -1.6† (-32 to 33.7)</td>
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* Conducted in healthy adult females  † AUCτ

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenesis

Two-year studies were conducted in mice and rats to assess the carcinogenic potential of colchicine. No evidence of colchicine-related tumorigenicity was observed in mice or rats at colchicine oral doses up to 3 mg/kg/day and 2 mg/kg/day, respectively (approximately 6 and 8 times, respectively, the maximum recommended human dose of 2.4 mg on a mg/m² basis).

Mutagenesis

Colchicine was negative for mutagenicity in the bacterial reverse mutation assay. In a chromosomal aberration assay in cultured human white blood cells, colchicine treatment resulted in the formation of micronuclei. Since published studies demonstrated that colchicine induces aneuploidy from the process
of mitotic nondisjunction without structural DNA changes, colchicine is not considered clastogenic, although micronuclei are formed.

**Impairment of Fertility**

No studies of colchicine effects on fertility were conducted with colchicine. However, published nonclinical studies demonstrated that colchicine-induced disruption of microtubule formation affects meiosis and mitosis. Reproductive studies also reported abnormal sperm morphology and reduced sperm counts in males, and interference with sperm penetration, second meiotic division and normal cleavage in females when exposed to colchicine. Colchicine administered to pregnant animals resulted in fetal death and teratogenicity. These effects were dose-dependent, with the timing of exposure critical for the effects on embryofetal development. The nonclinical doses evaluated were generally higher than an equivalent human therapeutic dose, but safety margins for reproductive and developmental toxicity could not be determined.

Case reports and epidemiology studies in human male subjects on colchicine therapy indicated that infertility from colchicine is rare. A case report indicated that azoospermia was reversed when therapy was stopped. Case reports and epidemiology studies in female subjects on colchicine therapy have not established a clear relationship between colchicine use and female infertility. However, since the progression of FMF without treatment may result in infertility, the use of colchicine needs to be weighed against the potential risks.

**14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

The evidence for the efficacy of colchicine in patients with FMF is derived from the published literature. Three randomized, placebo-controlled studies were identified. The three placebo-controlled studies randomized a total of 48 adult patients diagnosed with FMF and reported similar efficacy endpoints as well as inclusion and exclusion criteria.

One of the studies randomized 15 patients with FMF to a six-month crossover study during which five patients discontinued due to study noncompliance. The 10 patients completing the study experienced five attacks over the course of 90 days while treated with colchicine compared to 59 attacks over the course of 90 days while treated with placebo. Similarly, the second study randomized 22 patients with FMF to a four-month crossover study during which nine patients discontinued due to lack of efficacy while receiving placebo or study noncompliance. The 13 patients completing the study experienced 18 attacks over the course of 60 days while treated with colchicine compared to 68 attacks over the course of 60 days while treated with placebo. The third study was discontinued after an interim analysis of six of the 11 patients enrolled had completed the study; results could not be confirmed.

Open-label experience with colchicine in adults and children with FMF is consistent with the randomized, controlled trial experience and was utilized to support information on the safety profile of colchicine and for dosing recommendations.

**16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING**

**16.1 How Supplied**

Colchicine tablets, USP, **0.6 mg**, are purple, capsule-shaped, film-coated tablets, scored on one side and debossed with "A10" on the other side.

They are available as:

- Bottles of 30: NDC 65162-710-03
- Bottles of 90: NDC 65162-710-09
- Bottles of 1000: NDC 65162-710-11

**16.2 Storage**
17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved (Medication Guide)

Dosing Instructions

Patients should be advised to take colchicine as prescribed, even if they are feeling better. Patients should not alter the dose or discontinue treatment without consulting with their doctor. If a dose of colchicine is missed:

- For FMF, take the dose as soon as possible and then return to the normal dosing schedule. However, if a dose is skipped the patient should not double the next dose.

Fatal Overdose

Instruct patient that fatal overdoses, both accidental and intentional, have been reported in adults and children who have ingested colchicine. Colchicine should be kept out of the reach of children.

Blood Dyscrasias

Patients should be informed that bone marrow depression with agranulocytosis, aplastic anemia and thrombocytopenia may occur with colchicine.

Drug and Food Interactions

Patients should be advised that many drugs or other substances may interact with colchicine and some interactions could be fatal. Therefore, patients should report to their healthcare provider all of the current medications they are taking and check with their healthcare provider before starting any new medications, particularly antibiotics. Patients should also be advised to report the use of nonprescription medication or herbal products. Grapefruit and grapefruit juice may also interact and should not be consumed during colchicine treatment.

Neuromuscular Toxicity

Patients should be informed that muscle pain or weakness, tingling or numbness in fingers or toes may occur with colchicine alone or when it is used with certain other drugs. Patients developing any of these signs or symptoms must discontinue colchicine and seek medical evaluation immediately.

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MEDICATION GUIDE

Colchicine (KOL-chi-seen) Tablets, USP

Read the Medication Guide that comes with colchicine tablets before you start taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This Medication Guide does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. You and your healthcare provider should talk about colchicine tablets when you start taking it and at regular checkups.

What is the most important information that I should know about colchicine tablets?

Colchicine tablets can cause serious side effects or death if levels of colchicine are too high in your body.
Taking certain medicines with colchicine tablets can cause your level of colchicine to be too high, especially if you have kidney or liver problems.

Tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you have kidney or liver problems. Your dose of colchicine tablets may need to be changed.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements.

Even medicines that you take for a short period of time, such as antibiotics, can interact with colchicine tablets and cause serious side effects or death.

Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist before taking any new medicine.

Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take:

- atazanavir sulfate (Reyataz)
- cyclosporine (Neoral, Gengraf, Sandimmune)
- fosamprenavir (Lexiva) with ritonavir
- indinavir (Crixivan)
- ketoconazole (Nizoral)
- nefazodone (Serzone)
- ritonavir (Norvir)
- telithromycin (Ketek)
- clarithromycin (Biaxin)
- darunavir (Prezista)
- fosamprenavir (Lexiva)
- itraconazole (Sporanox)
- lopinavir/ritonavir (Kaletra)
- nelfinavir mesylate (Viracept)
- saquinavir mesylate (Invirase)
- tipranavir (Aptivus)

Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you are not sure if you take any of the medicines listed above. This is not a complete list of all the medicines that can interact with colchicine tablets.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

Keep colchicine tablets out of the reach of children.

What are colchicine tablets?

Colchicine tablets are a prescription medicine used to:

- treat familial Mediterranean fever (FMF) in adults and children age four or older

Colchicine tablets are not a pain medicine, and it should not be taken to treat pain related to other conditions unless specifically prescribed for those conditions.

Who should not take colchicine tablets?

Do not take colchicine tablets if you have liver or kidney problems and you take certain other medicines. Serious side effects, including death, have been reported in these patients even when taken as directed. See “What is the most important information that I should know about colchicine tablets?”

What should I tell my healthcare provider before starting colchicine tablets?

See “What is the most important information that I should know about colchicine tablets?”

Before you take colchicine tablets, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:
• have liver or kidney problems.
• are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if colchicine tablets will harm your unborn baby. Talk to your healthcare provider if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
• are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Colchicine passes into your breast milk. You and your healthcare provider should decide if you will take colchicine tablets or breastfeed. If you take colchicine tablets and breastfeed, you should talk to your child’s healthcare provider about how to watch for side effects in your child.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including ones that you may only be taking for a short time, such as antibiotics. See “What is the most important information that I should know about colchicine tablets?” Do not start a new medicine without talking to your healthcare provider.

Using colchicine tablets with certain other medicines, such as cholesterol-lowering medications and digoxin, can affect each other, causing serious side effects. Your healthcare provider may need to change your dose of colchicine tablets. Talk to your healthcare provider about whether the medications you are taking might interact with colchicine tablets and what side effects to look for.

How should I take colchicine tablets?
• Take colchicine tablets exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it. If you are not sure about your dosing, call your healthcare provider.
• Colchicine tablets can be taken with or without food.
• If you take too much colchicine tablets, go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.
• Do not stop taking colchicine tablets even if you start to feel better, unless your healthcare provider tells you.
• Your healthcare provider may do blood tests while you take colchicine tablets.
• If you take colchicine tablets daily and you miss a dose, then take it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, just skip the missed dose. Take the next dose at your regular time. Do not take two doses at the same time.

What should I avoid while taking colchicine tablets?
• Avoid eating grapefruit or drinking grapefruit juice while taking colchicine tablets. It can increase your chances of getting serious side effects.

What are the possible side effects of colchicine tablets?
Colchicine tablets can cause serious side effects or even cause death. See “What is the most important information that I should know about colchicine tablets?”

Get medical help right away if you have:
• Muscle weakness or pain
• Numbness or tingling in your fingers or toes
• Unusual bleeding or bruising
• Increased infections
• Feel weak or tired
• Pale or gray color to your lips, tongue or palms of your hands
• Severe diarrhea or vomiting

FMF: The most common side effects of colchicine tablets in people who have FMF are abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all of the possible side effects of colchicine tablets. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.
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 colchicine tablets?**
- Store colchicine tablets at room temperature between 68°F and 77°F (20°C to 25°C).
- Keep colchicine tablets in a tightly closed container.
- Keep colchicine tablets out of the light.

*Keep colchicine tablets and all medicines out of the reach of children.*

**General Information about Colchicine Tablets**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use colchicine tablets for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give colchicine tablets to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them. This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about colchicine tablets. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about colchicine tablets that is written for healthcare professionals.

For more information, go to www.amneal.com or call 1-877-835-5472.

**What are the ingredients in colchicine tablets?**

**Active Ingredient:** colchicine

**Inactive Ingredients:** ethanol, FD&C blue #2, FD&C red #40, hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, macrogol, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polydextrose, pregelatinized starch (corn), purified water, sodium starch glycolate, titanium dioxide and triacetin.

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Each film-coated tablet contains:
Colchicine, USP 0.6 mg

Usual dosage: See package insert for full prescribing information.

Store at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].

**Dispense in tight, light-resistant container.**

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**COLCHICINE**

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