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The dosage of anti-leprosy drugs for children

We are indebted to the Chairman of the Medical Advisory Board of LEpra, Dr R J W Rees, for the submission of the following tables, which set out the dosages of various anti-leprosy drugs which are currently recommended by LEpra to those who apply to the Children's Fund for financial support.

Recommended dosage of anti-leprosy drugs in milligrams (mg) based on age of children

Paucibacillary leprosy (2 drugs—dapsons and rifampicin)

Age groups	Dapsons: daily dose, unsupervised	Rifampicin: monthly dose, supervised
Up to 5 years	25	150–300
6–14 years	50–100	300–450
15 years and above*	100	600

Multibacillary leprosy (3 drugs—dapsons, rifampicin and clofazimine)

Age groups	Dapsons: daily dose, unsupervised	Rifampicin: monthly dose, supervised	Clofazimine	
			Unsupervised dose	Monthly dose supervised
Up to 5 years	25	150–300	100 once weekly	100
6–14 years	50–100	300–450	150 once weekly	150–200
15 years and above*	100	600	50 daily	300

The MDT is as recommended by WHO; it is assumed that clofazimine is acceptable for your children and therefore no children will require ethionamide/prothionamide.

Where a range of doses is given this relates to age range of the children; those near the lower age range receive the lower dose and those near the upper age range receive the higher dose.

* i.e. use adult doses.

Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI), 1983 *Catalogue of Educational Material*

Many who attended the recent International Congress in Delhi will have had the pleasure of visiting this well-known centre for educational material and communication. The Centre's description of the catalogue runs as follows:

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Maintaining motorcycles: a fieldworker's manual. World Neighbours, USA

This is a 26 pp booklet, A4 size, clearly written and extremely well illustrated. The author is Russel Henning and the address of *World Neighbours* is 5116 N. Portland Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112, USA. The date of publication is not recorded, but the information is still very much up to date and this manual should be of great practical value to many in leprosy control and other forms of fieldwork.

Ethiopia, Manual for multiple drug therapy, December 1983

We are grateful to Dr Ad de Rijk, Leprosy Documentation Service, Amsterdam, for sending us a copy of this excellent manual (20 pp, 13 appendices), which was devised in order to interpret and give additional instruction on the WHO recommendations for multiple drug therapy. The authors considered that the resultant manual, essentially for use in Ethiopia, might be of value to those implementing MDT in other parts of the world. We congratulate all concerned on a most valuable and carefully thought out manual; it is in fact the most comprehensive and detailed we have so far received and may well serve as a useful model for other countries.

OXFAM-LEPRA, Oxford, UK. A mini-pack of teaching materials on leprosy

Following the development and distribution of a larger pack of teaching–training materials on leprosy during the past 2 or 3 years, OXFAM in cooperation with LEPRA have assembled 100 packs containing only 8 items, as follows:

- 1 *Chemotherapy of Leprosy for Control Programmes* (1983). Technical Report Series 675, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland.
- 2 *OXFAM Memorandum on the Implementation of Multiple Drug Therapy (MDT) for Leprosy* (1984). The Health Unit, OXFAM, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ, UK.
- 3 *Leprosy* (1979) by Bryceson and Pfaltzgraft. Published by Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh, UK.
- 4 *The Diagnosis and Management of Early Leprosy* (1983) by Browne. Published by the Leprosy Mission International, London, UK.
- 5 *Better Care in Leprosy* (1978). Published by the Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi, India.
- 6 *Insensitive Feet* (1981) by Paul Brand. Published by the Leprosy Mission International, London, UK.
- 7 *Technical Guide for Smear Examination for Leprosy by Direct Microscopy* (1983) by Leiker and McDougall. Published by the Leprosy Documentation Service (INFOLEP), Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- 8 *Atlas of Leprosy* (1983). Published by the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation, Tokyo, Japan.

Intended mainly for: Medical students, medical officers (with or without experience of leprosy), leprosy control officers, nurses, tutors and other potential teachers.

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S G Browne honoured by Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem

At an Investiture at All Saints Church, Northampton on 20 June 1984, Dr S G Browne, a Vice-President of LEPRA and formerly Secretary of the International Leprosy Association, was made a Knight of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem in recognition of his worldwide activities on behalf of leprosy sufferers.