

Teaching Materials and Services

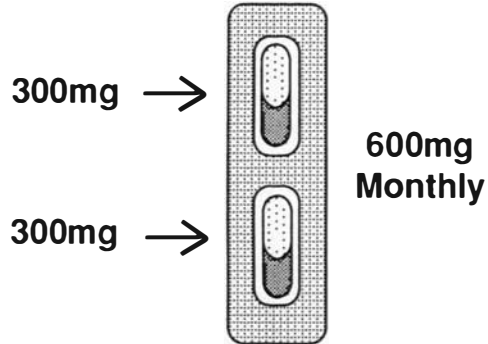
ALERT Training Centre—International Course Programme for 1988

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Drugs for Pauci-bacillary Leprosy

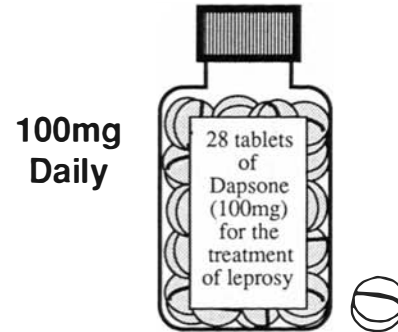
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Rifampicin



Supervised

Dapsone



Unsupervised

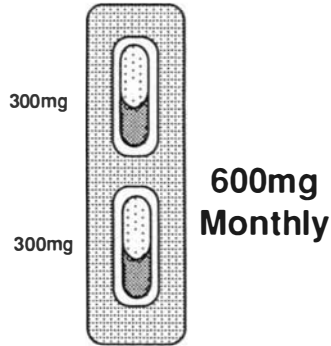
Duration of treatment: 6 months (or 6 monthly doses within a 9 month period);
then stop and keep patient under surveillance.

Duration of surveillance: Minimum of 2 years after stopping treatment, with
clinical examination at least every 12 months.

Drugs for Multi-bacillary Leprosy

WHO recommended regimen: "Chemotherapy of leprosy for control programmes",
 Technical Report Series 675, Geneva, 1982.

Rifampicin



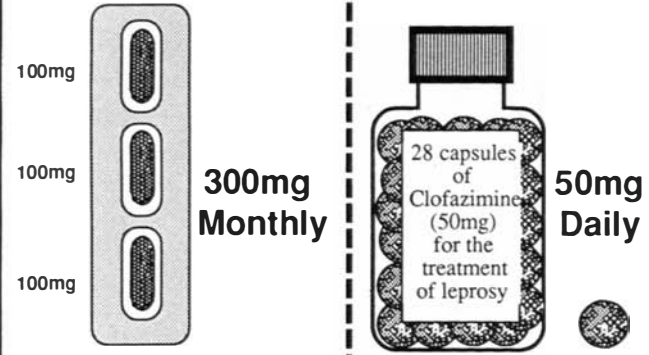
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Clofazimine



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Duration of treatment:

Minimum of 2 years (or 24 monthly doses within a 36 month period).
 However, wherever possible, continue treatment until slit skin smears
 are negative. Then stop, and keep the patient under surveillance.

Duration of surveillance:

Minimum of 5 years after stopping treatment, with clinical and
 bacteriological examination at least every 12 months.

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All Africa Leprosy and Rehabilitation Training Centre—International Course Programme for 1988

Course name	Participants	Dates	Requirements
Doctors Course on Clinical Leprosy and Leprosy Control, including programme management	Medical Officers involved or going to be involved in clinical management of leprosy patients, Leprosy Control, or training in leprosy of health personnel	11 January–20 February (6 weeks) 2 May–11 June (6 weeks)	Experience or familiarity with leprosy control programmes desirable, but not essential. Additional in-service training in leprosy control for at least 2 weeks recommended. This can be with ALERT or with LEpra, Malawi.
Epidemiological Aspects and Operational Management of Leprosy Control (This is a tentative announcement, subject to confirmation, after consultations with the moderators of the course formerly conducted in the Philippines)	Medical Officers or Senior Paramedical Staff in charge of organization and management of leprosy control	22 February–2 April (6 weeks)	Interest in numerical analysis of leprosy control data for strategic management and epidemiological evaluation of the project.
Tuberculosis Courses on TB and TB Control	Medical Officers and Senior Health Staff involved in tuberculosis control	11 April–30 April	
Rural Area Supervisors Courses on Clinical Leprosy, Leprosy Control and Supervision	Senior and Junior Rural Area Supervisors	26 September–26 November (9 weeks)	Senior Rural Area Supervisors should be in charge of leprosy control activities on provincial or national level. Junior Rural Area Supervisors should have not less than 5 years experience in leprosy and on their return expect to be upgraded to a senior position.
Physiotherapists Course	Physiotherapists; Occupational Therapists; other Paramedical Health Staff with experience in leprosy physiotherapy	2 May–11 June (6 weeks) In conjunction with the second Doctors Course. 26 September–6 November (6 weeks) Together with the Rural Area Supervisors Course.	

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NATIONAL COURSES

Medical Undergraduates	3 weeks per group	Other Ethiopian and non-Ethiopian health personnel
Student Nurses	2 weeks per group	with limited responsibilities in leprosy work may be
Health Assistants	2 weeks per group	attached to these courses when places are available.

Dates still to be fixed.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

NB—The in-service training programmes are generally intended for further specialized training in specific fields. Applicants for programmes listed under 1–5 are therefore required to possess prior experience in leprosy or to have participated in an appropriate formal course.

Programme	Qualifications required	Recommended duration
1 Clinical Leprosy	Medical Officers, Qualified Nurses, Medical Assistants	Minimum of 2 months
2 Clinical Leprosy and Leprosy Control*	Medical Officers, Qualified Nurses, Medical Assistants	Minimum of 4 months
3 Septic Surgery and Amputation Surgery	Qualified General Surgeon, Surgical residents, Medical Officers with good experience in surgery	3 months
4 Reconstructive Surgery	Qualified Plastic, Orthopaedic or General Surgeons, Surgical Residents, Medical Officers with good experience in leprosy	Dependent on extent of training required and basic qualifications. 3 months.
5 Physiotherapy	Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Other para-medical Health Personnel	4–6 months; Good command of English
6 Laboratory Techniques in Leprosy*	Laboratory Technicians Laboratory Assistants	1 month; Good command of English 2 months; Good command of English
7 Dermato-histo-pathology Techniques (in Armauer Hansen Research Institute)	Laboratory Technicians	3 months; Good command of English
8 Orthopaedic Workshop Techniques making of protective footwear (Sandals Standard-8 Plastazote)		6 months; Good command of English
9 Prosthetics	Orthopaedic Workshop Technicians	12 months; Good command of English

* LEpra, Malaŵi will conduct these in-service training programmes for small numbers of people. Inquiries to ALERT or Medical Director, LEpra, Malaŵi.