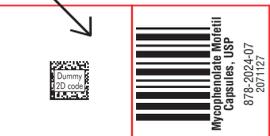


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MYCOPHENOLATE MOFETIL capsules, for oral use  
Initial U.S. Approval: 1995

#### WARNING: EMBRYOFETAL TOXICITY, MALIGNANCIES AND SERIOUS INFECTIONS

##### See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning

- 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)).
- 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)).

#### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Mycophenolate Mofetil capsules are an antineoplastic immunosuppressant indicated for the prophylaxis of organ rejection in adult and pediatric recipients 3 months of age and older of allogeneic kidney, heart or liver transplants, in combination with other immunosuppressants. (1)

#### DOSEAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

ADULTS	DOSEAGE
Kidney Transplant	1 g twice daily (2,2)
Heart Transplant	1.5 g twice daily orally (2,3)
Liver Transplant	1.5 g twice daily orally (2,4)

PEDIATRICS	DOSEAGE
Kidney Transplant	600 mg/m <sup>2</sup> orally twice daily, up to a maximum of 2 g daily (2,2)
Heart Transplant	600 mg/m <sup>2</sup> orally twice daily (starting dose) up to a maximum of 900 mg/m <sup>2</sup> twice daily (3) (2,3)
Liver Transplant	600 mg/m <sup>2</sup> orally twice daily (starting dose) up to a maximum of 900 mg/m <sup>2</sup> twice daily (3) (2,4)

- Mycophenolate mofetil intravenous is an alternative when patients cannot tolerate oral medication. Administer within 24 hours following transplantation, until patients can tolerate oral medication, up to 14 days. (2,1)
- Reduce or interrupt dosing in the event of neutropenia. (2,5)
- See full prescribing information (PPI) for adjustments for renal impairment and neutropenia. (2,5)

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## Contraception

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.

**Female Patients**  
Females of reproductive potential taking mycophenolate mofetil must receive contraceptive counseling and use acceptable contraception (see **Table 9** 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 9 Acceptable Contraception Methods for Females of Reproductive Potential Risk from the following birth control options:

Option 1 Methods to Use Alone	• Intrauterine devices (IUDs) • Tubal sterilization • Patient's partner vasectomy
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OR	Option 2	Hormone Methods (choice 1)	Barrier Methods (choice 1)
Choose One Hormone Method AND One Barrier Method	Estrogen and Progestin • Oral Contraceptive Pill • Transdermal patch • Vaginal ring Progestin-only • Injection • Implant	AND • Diaphragm with spermicide • Cervical cap with spermicide • Vaginal ring	• Male condom • Female condom

OR	Option 3	Barrier Methods (choice 2)	Barrier Methods (choice 2)
Choose One Barrier Method from each column (must choose two methods)		• Diaphragm with spermicide • Cervical cap with spermicide • Contraceptive sponge	• Male condom • Female condom

**Male Patients**  
Contraception has been observed in animal studies at exposures exceeding the human therapeutic exposures by approximately 1.25 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 (13.3)**, **Patient Counseling Information (17.9)**).

## 8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness have been established in pediatric patients 3 months and older for the prophylaxis of organ rejection of allograft, heart or liver transplants.

**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 (100 patients, 3 months to 18 years of age) (see **Dosage and Administration (2.2)**, **Adverse Reactions (6.1)**, **Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)**, **Clinical Studies (14.1)**).

**Heart Transplant and Liver Transplant**  
Use of mycophenolate mofetil in pediatric heart transplant and liver transplant patients is supported by adequate and well-controlled studies and pharmacokinetic data in adult heart transplant and liver transplant patients. Additional supportive data include pharmacokinetic data in pediatric liver transplant patients (5 liver transplant patients, 9 months to 5 years of age, in an open-label, pharmacokinetic and safety study) and published evidence of clinical efficacy and safety in pediatric heart transplant and pediatric liver transplant patients (see **Dosage and Administration (2.3, 2.4)**, **Adverse Reactions (6.1)**, **Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)**, **Clinical Studies (14.1)**).

## 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 geriatric and younger patients. In general, dose selection for a geriatric 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 Delayed Graft Function**  
No dosage 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 renal function (GFR <25 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>), 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 Mild Hepatic Impairment**  
No dosage adjustments are needed in kidney transplant patients with severe hepatic parenchymal disease. However, it is not known whether dosage 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 OVERDOSE**  
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 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 hematological abnormalities, particularly neutropenia (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.4)**).

**Treatment and Management**  
MPA and the hepatic glucuronide metabolite of MPA (MPAG) are usually not removed by hemodialysis. However, at high MPAG plasma concentrations (>100 mg/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, USP 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, USP (MPM) is 2-morpholinoethyl (E)-6-(1,3-dihydro-4-hydroxy-6-methoxy-7-methyl-5-oxo-2H-pyridin-2-yl)-4-thioxo-1,2,4-tetrazole. It has a molecular formula of C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S, a molecular weight of 453.5, and the following structural formula:



Mycophenolate mofetil, USP is a white or almost white crystalline powder. It is freely soluble in acetone, sparingly soluble in ethanol and slightly soluble in water. The apparent partition coefficient in 1-octanol/water (pH 7.4) buffer solution is 238. The pKa values for mycophenolate mofetil are 5.6 for the morpholino group and 8.5 for the phenolic group.

Mycophenolate mofetil, USP is available for oral administration as capsules containing 250 mg of mycophenolate mofetil, USP. Inactive ingredients in mycophenolate mofetil capsules USP, 250 mg include croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, povidone (K-90) and pregelatinized starch.

**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 inhibitor of the two isoforms (type I and type II) of inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase (IMPDH) leading to inhibition of the *de novo* pathway of guanosine nucleotide synthesis and blocks DNA synthesis. The mechanism of action of MPA is multifaceted and includes effects on cellular checkpoints responsible for metabolic programming of lymphocytes. MPA also affects transcriptional activities in a proliferative state of cellular processes. *In vitro* studies suggest that MPA modulates transcriptional activities in human CD4<sup>+</sup> T-lymphocytes by suppressing the Akt/mTOR and STAT5 pathways that are relevant to metabolism and survival, leading to an anergic state of T-cells whereby the cells are unresponsive to antigenic stimulation. Additionally, MPA enhanced the expression of negative co-stimulators such as CD70, PD-1, CTLA-4, and transcription factor FoxP3 as well as decreased the expression of positive co-stimulators CD27 and CD28.

MPA decreases proliferative responses of T- and B-lymphocytes to both mitogenic and allo-antigenic stimulation, similarly responses, as well as the production of cytokines by monocytes such as GM-CSF, IFN- $\gamma$ , IL-17, and TNF- $\alpha$ . Additionally, MPA prevents the glycosylation of lymphocyte and monocyte glycoproteins that are involved in intercellular adhesion to endothelial cells and may inhibit recruitment of leukocytes into sites of inflammation and graft rejection.

Overall, the effect of MPA is cytostatic and reversible.

**12.2 Pharmacodynamics**  
There is a lack of information regarding the pharmacodynamic effects of MMF.

**12.3 Pharmacokinetics**  
**Absorption**  
Following oral and intravenous administration, MMF undergoes complete conversion to MPA, the active metabolite. In 12 healthy volunteers, the mean absolute bioavailability of oral MMF relative to intravenous MMF was 94%. Two 500 mg mycophenolate mofetil tablets have been shown to be bioequivalent to four 250 mg mycophenolate mofetil capsules. Five mL of the 200 mg/mL constituted mycophenolate mofetil oral suspension have been shown to be bioequivalent to four 250 mg capsules. The mean (s.d.) pharmacokinetic parameters estimates for MPA following the administration of MMF given as single doses to healthy volunteers, and multiple doses to kidney, heart, and liver transplant patients, are shown in **Table 10**. The area under the plasma concentration-time curve (AUC) of MPA appears to increase in a dose-proportional fashion in kidney transplant patients receiving multiple oral doses of MMF up to a daily dose of 3 g (1.5 g twice daily) (see **Table 10**).

**Table 10 Pharmacokinetic Parameters for MPA (mean (s.d.)) Following Administration of MMF to Healthy Volunteers (Single Doses), and Kidney, Heart, and Liver Transplant Patients (Multiple Doses)**

Healthy Volunteers	Dose/Route	C <sub>max</sub> (mg/mL)		Total AUC (mg·h/mL)
		n <sub>ss</sub>	n <sub>tr</sub>	
Single dose	1 g/oral	0.80 (±0.36) (n=129)	24.5 (±4.5) (n=129)	63.9 (±12.1) (n=117)
		Kidney Transplant Patients (twice daily dosing) Time After Transplantation		
5 days	1 g/iv	1.58 (±0.46) (n=31)	12.0 (±3.1) (n=31)	40.6 (±11.4) (n=31)
		6 days	1 g/oral	1.33 (±1.05) (n=31)

Early (Less than 40 days)	1 g/oral	C <sub>max</sub> (mg/mL)		27.3 (±10.9) (n=25)
		n <sub>ss</sub>	n <sub>tr</sub>	
Early (Less than 40 days)	1.5 g/oral	1.21 (±0.81) (n=27)	13.5 (±18) (n=27)	38.4 (±15.4) (n=27)
		Late (Greater than 3 months)		
1.5 g/oral	1.5 g/oral	0.90 (±0.23) (n=23)	24.1 (±23) (n=23)	65.3 (±35.4) (n=23)

Heart transplant Patients (twice daily dosing) Time After Transplantation	Dose/Route	T <sub>max</sub> (h)		Interending Interval AUC (0 to 12h) (mg·h/mL)
		n <sub>ss</sub>	n <sub>tr</sub>	
Early (Day before discharge)	1.5 g/oral	1.8 (±1.3) (n=11)	11.5 (±6.8) (n=11)	43.3 (±9.9) (n=9)
		Late (Greater than 6 months)		
1.5 g/oral	1.5 g/oral	1.1 (±0.52) (n=52)	20.0 (±9.4) (n=52)	54.1 <sup>a</sup> (±20.4) (n=49)

Liver transplant Patients (twice daily dosing) Time After Transplantation	Dose/Route	T <sub>max</sub> (h)		Interending Interval AUC (0 to 12h) (mg·h/mL)
		n <sub>ss</sub>	n <sub>tr</sub>	
4 to 9 days	1 g/iv	1.50 (±0.57) (n=22)	17.0 (±12.7) (n=22)	34.0 (±17.4) (n=20)
		Early (5 to 8 days)		
1.5 g/oral	1.5 g/oral	1.15 (±0.432) (n=20)	13.1 (±6.8) (n=20)	29.2 (±11.9) (n=20)
		Late (Greater than 6 months)		
1.5 g/oral	1.5 g/oral	1.54 (±0.51) (n=6)	19.3 (±11.7) (n=6)	40.3 (±14.8) (n=6)

<sup>a</sup> AUC(0 to 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 C<sub>max</sub> approximately 20% to 44% lower compared to the late transplant period (i.e., 3 to 6 months post-transplant) (non-stationary 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 a mean MPA AUC estimates similar to those found in kidney transplant patients administered 1 g mycophenolate mofetil twice daily.

**Effect of Food**  
Food (72 g fat, 650 kcal) 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 C<sub>max</sub> was decreased by 40% in the presence of food (see **Dosage and Administration (2.1)**).

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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 43% to 53% 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.

A comparison of dose-normalized (to 600 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) MPA AUC values in 12 pediatric kidney transplant patients less than 6 years of age at 6 months post-transplant with these values in 7 pediatric liver transplant patients [median age 17 months (range 10 to 60 months)] and at 6 months and beyond post-transplant revealed that, at the same dose, there were on average 23% lower AUC values in the pediatric liver compared to pediatric kidney patients. This is consistent with the need for higher dosing in adult liver transplant patients compared to kidney transplant patients to achieve the same exposure.

In adult transplant patients administered the same dosage of mycophenolate mofetil, there is similar MPA exposure among kidney transplant and heart transplant patients. Based on the established similarity in MPA exposure between pediatric kidney transplant and adult kidney transplant patients at their respective approved doses, it is expected that MPA exposure at the recommended dosage will be similar in pediatric heart transplant and adult heart transplant patients.

**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 oral dose). Mean (s.d.) MPA AUC(0 to 12h) for males (n=79) was 32 (±14.5) and for females (n=41) was 35.5 (±18.8) mg·h/mL, while mean (s.d.) MPA C<sub>max</sub> was 9.96 (±4.18) in the males and 10.6 (±5.84) mg/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 geriatric transplant patients when compared to younger transplant patients.

**Drug Interactions Studies**  
**Acyclovir**  
Co-administration of MMF (1 g) and acyclovir (800 mg) to 12 healthy volunteers resulted in no significant change in MPA AUC and C<sub>max</sub>. However, MPA 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 (2 g) was decreased when administered to 10 rheumatoid arthritis patients also taking MPA (100 mg qd). The C<sub>max</sub> (AUC(0 to 24h)) for MPA were 33% and 17% lower, respectively, than when MM