

who use HB vaccines in your clinics are urged to do specific studies on seroconversion, so that vaccine quality could be kept under scrutiny. If anyone has data on seroconversion studies please share them in the columns of Indian Pediatrics.

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Furazolidone and Typhoid Fever

I read with interest two articles published in same issue(1,2). In both articles, furazolidone was used to treat blood culture positive cases of typhoid fever. Dr. Santhoshkumar in his previous article(3) concluded that monotherapy with furazolidone should be avoided in all blood culture positive cases of typhoid fever and this may have medicolegal implications also. Incidentally the same author has used it in culture positive cases of typhoid fever(2). Kindly clarify the issue of rational use of furazolidone in typhoid fever? To use it or not to use it?

There is also a difference in dosage used by the two authors. Dutta *et al.*(1) mentioned the dose of 7.5 mg/kg/day while Santhoshkumar and Mabel(2) treated their patients with a dose of 15 mg/kg/day. What is the appropriate dosage of furazolidone in patients of typhoid fever?

Dutta *et al.*(1) utilized furazolidone in those patients who were suffering from clinically suspected typhoid fever of less than 3 weeks duration while patients with high fever for more than 21 days were treated by Ciprofloxacin. Was it arbitrary or there is any clinicopharmacological basis of using these two drugs in relation to duration of fever?

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