

# Initial Quantity Limit

## Albendazole, Biltricide, Egaten, Emverm

### Products Referenced by this Document

Drugs that are listed in the following table include both brand and generic and all dosage forms and strengths unless otherwise stated. Over-the-counter (OTC) products are not included unless otherwise stated.

Brand Name	Generic Name
albendazole (brand unavailable)	albendazole
Biltricide	praziquante
Egaten	triclabendazole
Emverm	mebendazole

### Indications

#### Albendazole

##### FDA-Approved Indications

##### **Neurocysticercosis**

Albenza tablets are indicated for the treatment of parenchymal neurocysticercosis due to active lesions caused by larval forms of the pork tapeworm, *Taenia solium*.

##### **Hydatid Disease**

Albendazole tablets are indicated for the treatment of cystic hydatid disease of the liver, lung, and peritoneum, caused by the larval form of the dog tapeworm, *Echinococcus granulosus*.

#### Biltricide

##### FDA-Approved Indications

Biltricide is indicated in patients aged 1 year and older for the treatment of the following infections:

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- Schistosomiasis due to all species of schistosoma (for example, *Schistosoma mekongi*, *Schistosoma japonicum*, *Schistosoma mansoni* and *Schistosoma hematobium*), and
- Clonorchiasis and Opisthorchiasis due to the liver flukes, *Clonorchis sinensis*/*Opisthorchis viverrini* (approval of this indication was based on studies in which the two species were not differentiated).

## Compendial Uses

Treatment of intestinal infections caused by *Taenia solium*, *Taenia saginata*, *Diphyllobothrium latum* and *Hymenolepis nana*.<sup>5,6</sup>

## Egaten

### FDA-Approved Indications

Egaten is indicated for the treatment of fascioliasis in patients 6 years of age and older.

## Emverm

### FDA-Approved Indications

Emverm is indicated for the treatment of patients two years of age and older with gastrointestinal infections caused by *Ancylostoma duodenale* (hookworm), *Ascaris lumbricoides* (roundworm), *Enterobius vermicularis* (pinworm), *Necator americanus* (hookworm), and *Trichuris trichiura* (whipworm).

## Initial Limit Quantity

Limits do not accumulate together; patient is allowed the maximum limit for each drug and strength

This drug is indicated for short-term acute use.

Drug	Limit
Albendazole	336 tablets / 365 days
Biltricide (praziquantel)	24 tablets / 365 days
Egaten (triclabendazole)	16 tablets / 365 days
Emverm (mebendazole)	12 tablets / 365 days

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