

PRACTICAL GUIDE TO

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HOW NOT TO GET





DISCLAIMER

- ▶ RE-CHECK & CONSULT, MEDICAL CONDITIONS, ALLERGIES (LACTOSE) OR PREGNANT
- ALWAYS READ MEDICINE LEAFLET BEFORE USE
- information is for adults, doses for kids may be different
- 3+ years without problems, India, Central Asia, Africa, only
 1x from water in Pakistan
- gave all my medicine to travellers gradually

WHAT IS IT WE SUFFER FROM?

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

- our digestive system contains billions of bacteria
- Bacteroides (west) & Prevotella (east), Bifidobakterium,
 Lactobacillus, Sacharomyces cerevisiae
- every person has unique cocktail which depends on region, diet, fitness, health, etc...
- when we travel we introduce new varieties of good bacteria & infectious bacteria

TRAVELLERS' DIARRHOEA

Bristol Stool Chart Separate hard lumps, like nuts Type I (hard to pass) Type 2 Sausage-shaped but lumpy Like a sausage but with cracks on Type 3 its surface Like a sausage or snake, smooth Type 4 and soft Soft blobs with clear-cut edges Type 5 (passed easily) Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a Type 6 mushy stool Watery, no solid pieces. Type 7 **Entirely Liquid**

TYPE 6,7

Source:

https://www.continence.org.au/pages/bristol-stool-chart.html

TRAVELLERS' DIARRHOEA

- defined as < 3^(mild), <5^(moderate) liquid discharges in 24 hours (type 6,7)
- in 80% caused by
 - bacteria (E. coli, Salmonella, ...)
 - parasites (Giardia intestinalis, Entamoeba histolytica, ...)
 - viruses (Norovirus, ...)
- in 20% stress, dietary mistakes, intolerances
- can be caused by diseases Cholera / Malaria (different symptoms)
 - blood, & mucous, fever, muscle, joint ache, ...

SYMPTOMS & PROGRESSION

- symptoms usually come within hours to days
- most common on day 3, 4 or 10
- > stomach ache, loads of gas, higher temperature
- nausea is usual
- vomiting, cramps are unusual
- over in 1 3 5 (max) days
- when treated it can be over in 5 24 hours

SYMPTOMS FOR HOSPITAL

- poo has blood, other symptoms
- no improvement in 24 hours when treated
- no improvement in 5 days when untreated
- severe dehydration (confusion, unexplained tiredness, purple fingernails and seizures)

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HOW TO DEAL WITH IT?

1 MEDICATION 2 RE-HYDRATATION 3 NUTRITION

MEDICATION - LOPERAMID

- Imodium[®], Loperon[®]
- easily available, no prescription
- slows down intestinal movement
- > not an antibiotic, treats symptoms, not the cause!
- can cause intestinal stasis / intestinal pseudo-obstruction
- which may cause bacterial overgrow (make it worse)

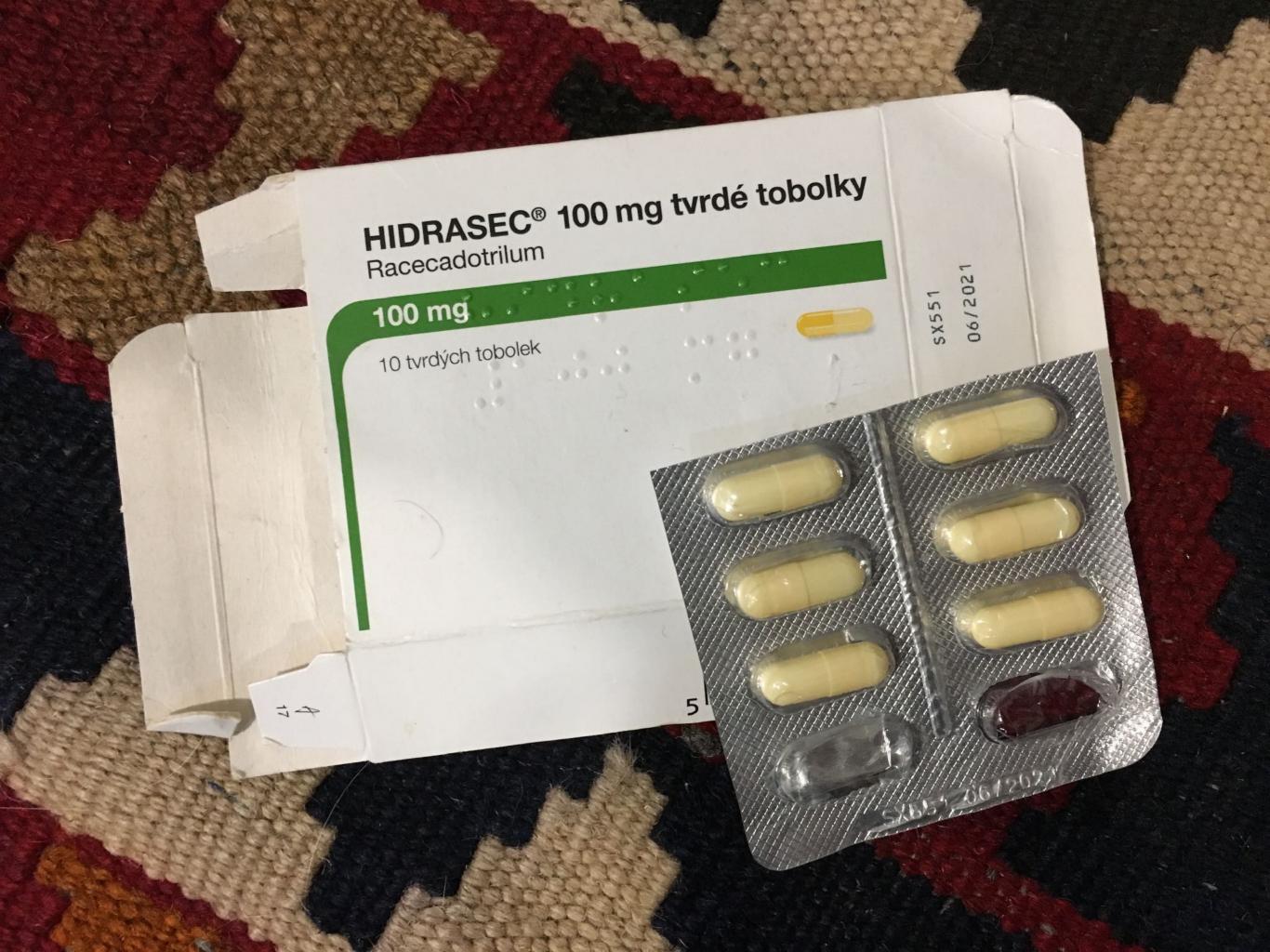
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MEDICATION - RACECADOTRIL, ACETORPHAN

- ▶ **Hidrasec**[®], Tiorfix[®], Tiorfan[®], Redotril[®], Enuff[®]
- easily available, no prescription
- reduces the secretion of water and electrolytes into the intestine
- not an antibiotic, treats symptoms, not the cause!
- unlike Imodium does not reduce intestinal mobility
- maximum 2 days if not getting better



MEDICATION - DIOSMEKTIT

- Smecta®, Smecdral®
- easily available, no prescription
- absorbent, absorbs toxins, viruses, bacteria and chemicals, no killing
- not an antibiotic, treats symptoms, not the cause!
- maximum 2 days if not getting better
- limits medication absorption, 3 hours absorbs everything, (contraception, epilepsy,...)

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10 sáčků po 3 g

MEDICATION - NIFUROXAZID¹, RIFAXIMIN², CIPROFLOXACIN³

- ▶ Ercerufyl®1, Antinal®1 (many names, Wikipedia), disinfectant 👍
- Normix^{®2}, Xifaxan^{®2}, Zaxine^{®2} low absorption & side effects 👍 👍
- Cipro®3 high absorption, resistances, generic, strong
- West on prescription, Egypt, Africa and elsewhere without
- antibiotics, wide range of bacteria and parasites (Shigella, E. coli, Salmonella, Staphylococci, Klebsiella, Yersinia, Giardia)
- local resistance to antibiotics
- if not better in 2 days visit doctor!



MEDICATION - WHAT & WHEN

MILD: HIDRASEC®

MODERATE: HIDRASEC® + NORMIX®

WATER: IMODIUM® + ERCEFURYL®

RE-HYDRATATION

- crucial for recovery, we lost water & electrolytes
- 2I standard, 3I physical activity/heat, +1I at least when sick
- yellow pee is bad / clear pee is good
- WHO ORS (new version with reduced osmolarity, kids)
 (11 water, 2.6g salt, 2.9g trisodium citrate, 1.5g potassium chloride, 13.5g glucose), many brands
- home-made ORS(11 water, 1/2 tea spoon salt, 6 tea spoons sugar)
- coconut water (sterile, high in potassium)tea (warm/cold) + sugar + lemon







New formula meets WHO requirements

Each sachet contains the equivalent of:

Sodium Chloride 2.6 g

Potassium Chloride 1.5 g

Trisodium Citrate, dehydrate 2.9 g Glucose Anhydrous

13.5 g

DIRECTIONS

Dissolve in ONE LITER of drinking water.

To Be Taken Orally according to age or as other wise directed under medical supervision. Infants - over a 24 hour period.

Children - over an 8 to 24 hour period.

CAUTION: DO NOT BOIL SOLUTION

NUTRITION

- no dietary limitations, unless dictated by medication
- eat less, more often
- rice & carrot boil, boiled potatoes, salty soups, bananas
- limit fats, meat, spices
- avoid raw milk
- use prebiotics and probiotics (especially after antibiotics)



CAN WE PREPARE AND PREVENTIT?

BEFORE THE TRIP

- fitness, active lifestyle
- balanced diet, fibre (oats, flaxseeds), veg. & fruit are natural prebiotic (bacteria loves pectin, inulin, etc...)
- asparagus, garlic, chicory root, jerusalem artichoke, apples (50% is pectin), barley, seaweed, onions, leek
- fermented food like sauerkraut and other fermented veg, kefir, kombucha are all probiotic
- probiotic and prebiotic supplements (1 month)
- smoked, fried, grilled, burned difficult for our digestion

BAD STUFF

- raw leaf & root vegetable salads & strawberries
- vegetable and fruit must be washed in reliable water
 (potassium permanganate solution if you want to be sure)
- milk, mayonnaise, eggs, soft/fresh cheese, ice cream
- ice, water (not filtered or boiled), fruit juices unless pure
- swimming may cause (intestinal, vaginal) infections, Schistosomiasis (Bilharzia) and more...
- any meal which is not piping hot (especially with meat)

WATER TREATMENT

- filtration (MSR, Sawyer, Katadyn, etc...)
- rolling boil for at least 1+ minute, when 1000m altitude 3+ minutes, + pinch of salt, as its flat
- chlorination using tablets, UV desinfection
- in some areas water treated (India, spiced water in dhabas)
- camel bag, reusable bottle only clean water! Any sugar will make it a ticking time bomb!







DURING THE TRIP

- wash hands with soap / disinfection gel / vodka
- eating, toilet, shaking hands, public transport, smokers
- keep with probiotics and prebiotic
- smoked, fried, grilled, burned difficult for our digestion
- take your time and eat local, that is a way to get used to local bacteria (if possible, eg. have time)

GOOD STUFF

- coconut water (sterile, high in potassium)
- tea (warm/cold), slightly sweet, lemon
- > sour drinks (lemon, etc...) contradict bacteria
- > sparkling drinks (CO₂) contradict bacteria
- alcohol >=40%, small amount is medicine (disinfects & supports stomach acid), 10 beers has different effect;)



4 THINGS TO TAKE AWAY

IMODIUM®ALONE WON'T HELP

2 HIDRASEC® & NORMIX® 95% WILL

4+ DAYS OR BLOOD* = HOSPITAL

RE-HYDRATE, ORS & PRE/PRO BIOTICS

THANK YOU

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