

Albendazole associated to surgery or minimally invasive procedures for hydatid disease – how much and how long

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Cystic echinococcosis represents a parasitic disease due to the development of larval stage of metacestode *Echinococcus granulosus* in the liver (80%), lungs, kidneys, spleen, myocardium etc. Human is an accidental intermediate host. Diagnosis is done on base of laboratory and imaging investigations. Treatment is multimodal, surgical and medical. Risks for dangerous complications and relapses are quite common. It is needed an adequate follow-up regimen. Albendazole is playing a central role in the medical therapy of the disease.

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