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### TANTUM VERDE® INFORMATION LEAFLET for the medicinal product

#### **Composition:**

#### active substance: benzydamine hydrochloride;

100 mL of solution contain benzydamine hydrochloride 0.15 g;

*excipients:* ethanol 96%, glycerol, methyl parahydroxybenzoate (E 218), flavor (menthol), saccharin, sodium hydrocarbonate, Polysorbate 20, Quinoline Yellow (E 104), Patent Blue V (E 131), purified water.

#### Dosage form. Oromucosal solution.

*Basic physical and chemical properties:* a clear green liquid with a typical mint flavor.

**Pharmacotherapeutic group.** Dental preparations. Other agents for local oral treatment. ATC code: A01A D02.

#### Pharmacological properties.

#### Pharmacodynamics.

Benzydamine is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) with analgesic and antiexudative properties.

Clinical studies have shown that benzydamine is effective in the relief of symptoms accompanying localized irritation conditions of the oral cavity and pharynx. Moreover, benzydamine has anti-inflammatory and local analgesic properties, and also exerts a local anesthetic effect on the oral mucosa.

#### Pharmacokinetics.

Absorption through the oral and pharyngeal mucosa has been proven by the presence of measurable quantities of benzydamine in human plasma. However, they are insufficient to produce any systemic pharmacological effect. The excretion occurs mainly in urine, mostly as inactive metabolites or conjugated compounds.

When applied locally, benzydamine has been shown to cumulate in inflamed tissues in an effective concentration

due to its ability to permeate through the mucous membrane.

#### Clinical particulars.

#### Indications.

Symptomatic treatment of oropharyngeal irritation and inflammation; to relieve pain caused by gingivitis, stomatitis, pharyngitis; in dentistry after tooth extraction or as a preventive measure.

#### Contraindications.

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any other ingredients of the product.

# Interaction with other medicinal products and other types of interaction.

No drug interaction studies have been performed.

#### Warnings and precautions.

If sensitivity develops with long-term use, the treatment should be discontinued and a doctor should be consulted to get appropriate treatment.

In some patients, buccal/pharyngeal ulceration may be caused by severe pathological processes. Therefore, the patients, whose symptoms worsen or do not improve within 3 days or who appear feverish or develop other symptoms, should seek advice of a physician or a dentist, as appropriate.

Benzydamine is not recommended for use in patients hypersensitive to acetylsalicylic acid or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).

The product can trigger bronchospasm in patients suffering from or with a history of asthma. Such patients should be warned of this.

For athletes: the use of medicinal products containing ethyl alcohol might result in positive antidoping tests considering the limits established by some sports federations.

#### Use during pregnancy or breast-feeding

No adequate data are currently available on the use of benzydamine in pregnant and breastfeeding women. Excretion of the product into breast milk has not been studied. The findings of animal studies are insufficient to make any conclusions about the effects of this product during pregnancy and lactation.

The potential risk for humans is unknown.

TANTUM VERDE should not be used during pregnancy or breast-feeding.

*Effects on reaction time when driving or using machines* When used in recommended doses, the product does not produce any effect on the ability to drive and operate machinery.

#### Method of administration and doses.

Pour 15 mL of TANTUM VERDE solution from the bottle into the measuring cup and gargle with undiluted or diluted product (15 mL of the measured solution can be diluted with 15 mL of water). Gargle 2 or 3 times daily. Do not exceed the recommended dose.

#### Children.

The product should not be used in children under 12 years due to a possibility of ingestion of the solution when gargling.

#### Overdosage.

No overdose has been reported with benzydamine when used locally. However, it is known that benzydamine, when ingested in high doses (hundreds times higher than those possible with this dosage form), especially in children, can cause agitation, convulsions, tremor, nausea, increased sweating, ataxia, and vomiting. Such acute overdose requires immediate gastric lavage, treatment of fluid/salt imbalance, symptomatic treatment, and adequate hydration.

#### Adverse reactions.

Within each frequency group, the undesirable effects are presented in order of their decreasing seriousness.

Adverse reactions are classified according to their frequency: very common ( $\geq 1/10$ ); common ( $\geq 1/100$  to <1/10); uncommon ( $\geq 1/1,000$  to <1/100); rare ( $\geq 1/10,000$  to <1/1,000); very rare (<1/10,000); frequency unknown (cannot be estimated from the available data).

*Gastrointestinal disorders: rare* – burning mouth, dry mouth; *unknown* – oral hypesthesia, nausea, vomiting, tongue edema and discoloration, dysgeusia.

*Immune system disorders: rare* – hypersensitivity reaction, *unknown* - anaphylactic reaction.

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders: very rare –laryngospasm; unknown – bronchospasm.

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders: uncommon – photosensitivity; very rare – angioedema; unknown – rash, pruritus, urticaria.

*Nervous system disorders: unknown* – dizziness, headache. TANTUM VERDE contains methyl parahydroxybenzoate, which can cause allergic reactions (including delayed-type reactions).

#### Shelf life. 4 years.

#### Storage conditions.

Do not store above 25°C. Keep out of reach of children.

#### Packaging.

120 mL of solution in a bottle with a measuring cup; 1 bottle per cardboard box.

#### Dispensing category.

Over-the-counter medicinal product.

#### Manufacturer.

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#### COMMENTARY

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# **Perioperative Management for Microvascular Free Tissue Transfer for Head and Neck Reconstruction –** Commentary

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#### **SUMMARY**

Le and colleagues provided a comprehensive commentary on perioperative management for head and neck oncologic patients undergoing microvascular reconstructive surgery. This commentary is based on a detailed review and consensus statements from the Society for Head and Neck Anesthesia (SHANA), an international organization dedicated to enhancing perioperative care for these patients. The consensus statement, published in 2021 by Healy and colleagues, addressed preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative considerations to optimize clinical outcomes. It included 14 statements from 16 SHANA members across 11 institutions, following two rounds of literature reviews.

The commentary emphasized the importance of preoperative nutrition optimization, tobacco cessation, and early recognition of alcohol withdrawal symptoms. In the intraoperative phase, key aspects such as airway management in cases of extensive tumor burden (including awake fiberoptic intubation and tracheostomy), fluid management, hemodynamic monitoring, and multimodal analgesia were briefly discussed. Notably, vasopressors can be used to optimize hemodynamic management without compromising flap perfusion. Additionally, careful fluid resuscitation is crucial to avoid fluid overload, which could increase the risk of flap failure. Multi-

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modal pain management strategies were highlighted, including inhalational anesthetics, anti-inflammatories, narcotics, and regional anesthesia.

In the postoperative period, effective communication between healthcare provider teams is essential. Airway management was linked to three of the five consensus statements, underscoring the need for clear and concise communication between the anesthesia and surgical teams. This includes coordinating ventilatory support weaning, extubation planning, and preparation for reintubation if necessary. Such measures help reduce intensive care unit (ICU) utilization, minimize airway-related adverse events, and shorten the length of hospitalization.

Overall, the commentary hopes to serve as a guide for multidisciplinary head and neck oncology units across all international centers in managing this complex patient population.

#### **KEY WORDS**

Head and neck oncology, microvascular surgery, head and neck anesthesia, perioperative management.

#### **COMMENTARY**

Perioperative management of adult patients undergoing head and neck microvascular reconstructive surgery varies among anesthesiologists and institutions. Due to the medical and surgical complexities associated with this patient population, various perioperative management protocols have been described to improve clinical outcomes starting from the initial preoperative clinic visit until the early postoperative outpatient clinic visit. These protocols have been coined as the term "Enhanced Recovery After Surgery" or ERAS and were first applied in the field of colorectal surgery, followed by additional surgical specialties (e.g., breast, spine, gynecologic, and orthopedics), and more recently major head and neck surgery [1, 2]. Regarding microvascular reconstructive head and neck surgery, advancements in surgical techniques and perioperative monitoring of the flap have resulted in decreased surgical complications and greater flap success rates [3, 4]. In addition to innovations from the surgical perspective, optimizing perioperative care for these surgical patients improves clinical outcomes and decreases hospitalization, healthcare costs, and utilization of resources. This is a commentary on an article published by the Society for Head and Neck Anesthesia in 2021 highlighting the multidisciplinary management of the head and neck patient.

In 2021, Healy and colleagues conducted an extensive review of the literature and released an expert consensus statement on the perioperative management of adult patients undergoing microvascular free tissue reconstruction of the head and neck from the Society for Head and Neck Anesthesia (SHANA) [5]. In this article, the authors highlight the challenges in the perioperative and anesthesia care of this patient population as they generally present with multiple medical comorbidities (e.g., advanced age, malnutrition, cardiovascular disease, peripheral vascular disease, chronic pulmonary obstructive disease, kidney disease, reduced physical mobility, and more). Furthermore, common risk factors such as longstanding tobacco smoking and alcohol consumption are also present in this patient population and negatively impact clinical outcomes during the perioperative period (e.g., wound healing complications and alcohol withdrawal) and prolong hospitalization. The authors state that there remains little guidance to optimize care; and as a result, the training experience of the practitioner(s) has been the general institutional culture which varies among institutions. To address this variability in care, the leadership of SHANA elected 16 of its members, representing 11 institutions to develop guidance supported by clinical evidence and expertise using a modified Delphi Method. The members then developed focused topic questions following two rounds of literature reviews. The first literature search identified clinical practice guidelines, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and review articles related to the subject population. The second literature search identified randomized controlled trials and observational studies related to the focused questions based on the initial literature search. This resulted in 14 consensus statements grouped by phase of care (preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative). In this commentary, we will highlight the statements that we feel are most relevant in guiding the postoperative management of the head and neck patient, Table 1.

Statement						
Preoperative Considerations						
1	Perioperative nutritional assessment and intervention may improve outcomes in this patient population					
2	Preoperative tobacco cessation is beneficial for this patient population					
3	Assessment and management of alcohol withdrawal syndrome reduces the risk for adverse outcomes in this patient					
	population					
Intra	Intraoperative Considerations					
4	Patient safety can be improved by the consideration of the performance of an awake airway management technique while					
	retaining spontaneous ventilation during the care of this patient population given the high incidence of pathology that can					
	render standard ventilation and/or intubation difficult or impossible					
5	Vasopressors can be used to optimize the hemodynamic management of this patient population after identifying and					
	correcting other hypotensive contributing factors, such as hypovolemia, deep anesthesia, anemia, and electrolyte					
	abnormalities					
6	Optimal monitoring of this patient population includes the use of standard ASA monitors; core temperature monitor,					
	insertion of a Foley catheter to monitor urine output; the placement of an arterial line to monitor hemodynamic parameters,					
	and the monitoring of fluid status metrics such as systolic pressure variation					
7	A hematocrit maintained at or above 25 may optimize oxygen delivery to free tissue transferred during surgical					
	reconstruction in this patient population					
8	Fluid overload may increase the risk of free flap failure in this patient population					
9	Multimodal pain management strategies may enhance pain control during the care of this patient population					
Postoperative Considerations						
10	Communication between the anesthesia and surgical team is encouraged when making a plan for extubation and potential					
	reintubation for this patient population					
11	Communicating management considerations and airway anatomical changes (through the medical record, handoffs, or					
	signage) may reduce the risk of airway-related adverse events in this patient population					
12	An anesthetic plan that includes early extubation and or weaning from ventilatory support can reduce postoperative					
	pneumonia, ICU utilization, and hospital length of stay in this patient population					
13	Postoperative care of this patient population requires specialized care and monitoring to ensure graft survival and patient					
	recovery					
14	The postoperative care of this patient population can be delivered in either an intensive care or a floor setting with appropriate					
	monitoring and skilled nursing					

**TABLE 1.** Expert Consensus Statements by the SHANA adopted from Healy and colleagues (2021) [5].

Of the 14 statements, 3 were associated with the preoperative setting. Firstly, nutritional assessment and optimization can lead to improved outcomes in this population. Most patients present with malnutrition due to poor oral intake associated with tumor burden involving the airway and masticatory organs. Alternative means for enteral feeding that bypasses the oral cavity such as a gastrostomy tube should be considered in the preoperative planning phase. Secondly, tobacco cessation before surgery can improve both the patient's health and wellbeing as well as flap outcome. Finally, assessment for alcohol withdrawal syndrome is important to avoid adverse events postoperatively. In our

practice, preoperative nutrition optimization is very important. For patients with advanced-stage tumors and sarcopenia, enteral access via gastrostomy tube placement is often performed at the time of the ablative and reconstructive surgery to permit sufficient short and long-term nutritional intake while the patient undergoes adjuvant therapy and dysphagia therapy.

Intraoperatively, optimal monitoring of the patient includes standard ASA monitors such as core temperature, noninvasive and invasive blood pressure, pulse oximetry, electrocardiogram, and urine output. This can allow for appropriate fluid management and resuscitation to avoid

fluid overload, support hemodynamic changes, and avoid vasopressors as necessary to avert vasoconstrictive changes that may affect flap success rates. While there is a tendency to avoid the use of vasopressors to prevent potential free flap complications, the literature has consistently shown that intraoperative use of vasopressors is safe in microvascular reconstructive surgery [6–9]. Finally, the incorporation of multimodal pain management can improve pain control and decrease the risk of opioid dependence. Studies have described the implementation of scheduled non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), acetaminophen, muscle relaxants (e.g., methocarbamol), and anticonvulsants (e.g., gabapentin) to reduce the total opioid consumption [10]. Some have shown promising results with regional analgesia via nerve blocks [11, 12]. In addition, multimodal analgesia such as regional anesthesia and the use of dexmedetomidine has been shown to reduce perioperative opioid consumption and potential surgical site complications in the early postoperative period [11, 13].

Notably, four statements were associated with airway management in the intraoperative and postoperative phases of care. This involved thorough preoperative airway assessment using radiologic and endoscopic visualization in preparation for airway management following anesthesia. induction of Standard airway management, such as masking or intubation, may be more challenging due to altered airway anatomy in these patients, secondary to the tumor burden, trismus, or prior procedures. In these cases, an awake fiberoptic intubation or tracheotomy while retaining spontaneous ventilation can improve patient safety. In the postoperative phase, communication among the surgical, anesthesia, and postoperative care teams emphasizes the importance of ventilatory support weaning, safe extubation, and tracheostomy decannulation to reduce the risk for postoperative pneumonia, intensive care unit (ICU) utilization, and length of hospitalization stay. Furthermore, close postoperative monitoring in the specialized care unit ("step-down unit") or ICU is appropriate to ensure free flap success rates and patient recovery. The decision to perform an elective tracheotomy versus delayed extubation in this patient population remains up for debate and varies across institutions. Several classification systems have been described to guide the surgeon in determining which patients

would require a tracheotomy to decrease the risk of an adverse airway event [14-16]. In our practice, we will generally perform a tracheostomy in patients who have composite resection of the mandible and near total glossectomy, bilateral neck dissection, and have a large body habitus (BMI >30). Furthermore, all patients undergoing free tissue transfer for head and neck reconstruction will go to a dedicated specialized care unit (non-ICU) for postoperative monitoring. The nursing staff are well trained in managing tracheostomy patients and monitoring free flaps.

In conclusion, the perioperative management of adult patients undergoing microvascular free tissue reconstruction of the head and neck is multifaceted, influenced by surgical advancements and comprehensive care protocols. The implementation of ERAS principles, initially developed for colorectal surgery and subsequently adapted to various surgical specialties, including head and neck surgery, underscores the importance of optimizing perioperative care to improve clinical outcomes. Complex medical comorbidities and lifestyle factors characterize the challenges inherent in managing this patient population. These necessitate a tailored approach to perioperative care. Incorporating evidence-based practices and interdisciplinary collaboration, informed by the SHANA consensus statement, facilitates a standardized approach while accommodating individual needs. By striving for excellence in perioperative care, healthcare providers can minimize complications, reduce hospitalization, and optimize patient outcomes within the context of head and neck microvascular reconstructive surgery.

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## Періопераційне лікування для перенесення вільних мікросудинних тканин при реконструкції голови та шиї – коментар

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#### АНОТАЦІЯ

Лей та колеги надали вичерпний коментар щодо періопераційного (синонім: периопераційного) лікування онкологічних пацієнтів голови та шиї, яким проводять мікросудинну реконструктивну хірургію. Ця стаття коментар базується на детальному огляді та консенсусних заявах Спільноти анестезії голови та шиї (Society for Head and Neck Anesthesia (SHANA)), міжнародної організації, яка займається покращенням періопераційного догляду за цими пацієнтами. У консенсусній заяві, опублікованій у 2021 році Хілі та колегами, розглядалися перед-, інтра- та післяопераційні міркування для оптимізації клінічних результатів. Вона включала 14 заяв від 16 членів SHANA з 11 установ після двох раундів огляду літератури.

У коментарі підкреслюється важливість передопераційної оптимізації харчування, відмови від тютюнопаління та раннього розпізнавання симптомів алкогольної абстиненції. В інтраопераційній фазі коротко обговорювалися такі ключові аспекти, як управління дихальними шляхами у випадках великого пухлинного тягаря (включаючи волоконно-оптичну інтубацію у стані неспання та трахеостомію), управління рідиною, моніторинг гемодинаміки та мультимодальна аналгезія. Примітно, що вазопресори можна використовувати для оптимізації гемодинамічного управління без шкоди для пер-

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фузії клаптя. Крім того, обережна реанімація рідини має вирішальне значення, щоб уникнути перевантаження рідиною, що може збільшити ризик відмови клаптя. Були виділені мультимодальні стратегії лікування болю, включаючи інгаляційні анестетики, протизапальні засоби, наркотики та регіональну анестезію.

У післяопераційному періоді необхідна ефективна комунікація між командами медичних працівників. Керування дихальними шляхами було пов'язано з трьома з п'яти консенсусних тверджень, підкреслюючи необхідність чіткого та короткого спілкування між анестезіологічною та хірургічною командами. Сюди входить координація відлучення від штучної вентиляції легень, планування екстубації та підготовка до реінтубації, якщо необхідно. Такі заходи допомагають зменшити використання відділень інтенсивної терапії, звести до мінімуму побічні ефекти, пов'язані з дихальними шляхами, і скоротити тривалість госпіталізації.

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