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Topical tranexamic acid – What do you do?

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Number of responses = 51

1) For local oral bleeding, what would you generally use first line?		(one_of)
answer	votes	% of vote
Tranexamic acid mouthwash (swallowing after use)	12	24%
Tranexamic acid mouthwash (spat out after use)	16	31%
Sucralfate oral suspension as a mouthwash (swallowing after use)	4	8%
Sucralfate oral suspension as a mouthwash (spat out after use)	0	0%
Silver nitrate sticks	1	2%
Tranexamic acid tablets PO	13	25%
Sucralfate tablets PO	1	2%
Etamsylate tablets PO	2	4%
Other (please give full details below)	3	6%

1a) If used, how do you prepare tranexamic acid mouthwash?		(one_of)
answer	votes	% of vote
Use the tranexamic acid injection formulation and dilute it with water	16	31%
Crush /disperse tranexamic acid tablets in water (please give full details below)	3	6%
Use the 500mg/5mL oral solution (unapproved special)	7	14%
Use a locally prepared oral mouthwash solution	3	6%
Not used	17	33%

1b) If used, what strength tranexamic acid mouthwash would you use for local oral bleeding?		(one_of)
answer	votes	% of vote
1% i.e. 100mg in 10mL	7	14%
5% i.e. 500mg in 10mL	15	29%
Other (please give full details below)	2	4%
Not used	17	33%

2) For surface bleeding e.g. from a fungating breast tumour, what would you generally use first line?		(one_of)	
answer	votes	% of vote	
Topical adrenaline	13	25%	
Topical tranexamic acid	19	37%	
Silver nitrate sticks	4	8%	
Topical sucralfate paste	6	12%	
Tranexamic acid tablets PO	6	12%	
Etamsylate tablets PO	1	2%	
Other (please give full details below)	1	2%	

2a) If you use tranexamic acid *topically* for surface bleeding e.g. from a fungating breast tumour, which formulation would you use?

(one_of)

answer	votes	% of vote
Tranexamic acid injection undiluted topically	22	43%
Tranexamic acid injection diluted topically (please give full details below)	1	2%
Tranexamic acid tablets, crushed and mixed with water, <i>topically</i> (please give full details below)	3	6%
Tranexamic acid tablets, crushed and mixed with a gel, <i>topically</i> (please give full details below)	3	6%
Tranexamic acid oral solution topically	0	0%
Other (please give full details below)	0	0%
Not used	13	25%

3) If you use tranexamic acid *topically* for bleeding from a rectal tumour, which formulation would you generally use?

(one_of)

answer	votes	% of vote
Tranexamic acid injection undiluted PR	4	8%
Tranexamic acid injection diluted PR (please give full details below)	1	2%
Tranexamic acid tablets, crushed and mixed with water, PR (please give full details below)	1	2%
Tranexamic acid tablets, crushed and mixed with a gel, PR (please give full details below)	1	2%
Tranexamic acid oral solution PR	1	2%
Other (please give full details below)	0	0%
Not used	40	78%

4) If you use tranexamic acid *topically* for bleeding from a pelvic tumour, which formulation would you generally use?

(one_of)

answer	votes	% of vote
Tranexamic acid injection undiluted PV	6	12%
Tranexamic acid injection diluted PV (please give full details below)	1	2%
Tranexamic acid tablets, crushed and mixed with water, PV (please give full details below)	1	2%
Tranexamic acid tablets, crushed and mixed with a gel, PV (please give full details below)	3	6%
Tranexamic acid oral solution PV	1	2%
Other (please give full details below)	0	0%
Not used	37	73%

5) If you use tranexamic acid *topically* for bleeding from the bladder, which formulation would you use *via a urinary catheter*?

(one_of)

answer	votes	% of vote
Tranexamic acid injection undiluted via a urinary catheter	7	14%
Tranexamic acid injection diluted via a urinary catheter (please give full details below)	3	6%
Tranexamic acid oral solution via a urinary catheter	1	2%
Other (please give full details below)	1	2%
Not used	37	73%