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Sulfadiazine Available to Treat Toxoplasmosis

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The CDC recently obtained permission from the Food and Drug Administration to make sulfadiazine available to physicians in the United States under an "Investigational New Drug" (IND) application protocol until a domestic commercial source can be reestablished. Domestic manufacturing of the drug ceased in October 1992. Sulfadiazine is a sulfa drug commonly used in combination with pyrimethamine to treat toxoplasmosis in patients with AIDS and newborns with congenital infections.

The drug is available from the CDC at no cost for the treatment of acute infection and for maintenance therapy of suspected or proven toxoplasmosis in persons with AIDS, persons with ocular disease, pregnant women who are infected, and congenitally infected infants. Infants and pregnant women in the second and third trimester must have an elevated *Toxoplasma* IgM titer before sulfadiazine can be released under this IND protocol.

The drug will not be available under the CDC IND protocol for primary prophylaxis of toxoplasmosis. Requests should be directed to the CDC's Divison of Parasitic Diseases, National Center for Infectious Disease, telephone (404) 488-4928.

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