



# Mar Vista Animal Medical Center

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## **COLCHICINE** **(Brand Names: Colcrys,** **also commonly compounded** **individually)**

**STRENGTHS:** 0.3 mg, 0.5 mg and 0.6mg Capsules and Oral Solution

**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:** ORAL,  
CAN BE GIVEN WITH OR WITHOUT FOOD, SEE LABEL FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

### **USE ONLY IN DOGS!**

**ACTION OF MEDICATION:** Stimulates collagenase to break down and prevent scarring, inhibits cell division. Interferes with production of amyloid (an abnormal protein). Considered to be a drug of chemotherapy. Mostly used to manage Shar pei Fever Syndrome, Hepatic Fibrosis.

**MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Vomiting, diarrhea, appetite loss. If seen, these symptoms can indicate the need for dose revision. Discontinue the medication and contact your veterinarian.

**SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED:** Bone marrow suppression, Kidney toxicity.

**STORAGE:** Keep away from light. Store at room temperature.

**IF YOU MISS A DOSE:** Do not double up on the next dose. If less than 8 hours have passed since the dose was due, administer as normal. If more than 8 hours have passed, pick up with the next dose.

### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

Drug interactions are reported with Cyclosporine, Azole antifungals, Chloramphenicol, Erythromycin, Diltiazem, and Cancer Chemotherapy Agents.

Colchicine is useful in early cases of Shar pei fever syndrome. It is not helpful after kidney insufficiency has set in.

Colchicine should not be used in pregnancy as it interferes with cell division. It should not be handled by pregnant women. Urine from treated animals may also pose a hazard to pregnant women.

For a more detailed presentation, visit:

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