

# TACTICAL MEDICS INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE COMBAT PILL PACK

## TMI's Combat Pill Pack



Suggested or Provided contents of the TMI Combat Pill Pack are:

- 1000 mg Tylenol
- 400 mg Celebrex
- 10 mg Compazine
- 0 mg Antibiotic



*Any agency not under contract with TMI for medical services, must provide their own medications and medical authorization.*

## GUIDELINES

- ✚ The entire packet of pills should be contained in a crush-proof container.
- ✚ Combat pill packs should be taken in their entirety, and never broken up into separate or individual medications or dosages.
- ✚ The entire packet of pills should expire, as soon as the earliest medication in that packet expires (i.e., they should all expire at once [see above]).
- ✚ Combat Pill Packs should be taken as soon as tactically feasible.
- ✚ Combat Pill Packs should be self-administered with enough fluid to swallow the pills as soon as an injury is sustained. Drinking water is permitted, despite any impending surgical procedures.
- ✚ Combat Pill Packs should be taken when ANY injury is sustained – not just penetrating trauma.
- ✚ Antibiotics should not be administered in the field in the civilian law enforcement setting, when transportation to definitive care (e.g., trauma center) is less than 4 hours away. Because of the prevalence of antibiotic administration in Military-style Combat Pill Packs, the Civilian label should clearly show that no antibiotics were administered in the field.
- ✚ Combat Pill Pack containers should be clearly labeled with the contents. The empty container should accompany the injured officer to the medical receiving facility.
- ✚ Combat Pill Packs should be replaced without delay or excessive questioning. The goal is to have operators consume the pill pack readily and without obstruction, and then seek medical attention.

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