

C Diff Treatment

Remember (as discussed at a recent Journal Club), metronidazole is no longer the first-line treatment for C Diff Enterocolitis, Vancomycin now fills that role.

The FDA has recently approved a vancomycin hydrochloride (FIRVANQ™, CutisPharma) powder for oral solution for the treatment of *Clostridium difficile*-associated diarrhea (CDAD) and enterocolitis caused by *Staphylococcus aureus*, including methicillin-resistant strains.

The vancomycin hydrochloride oral solution is available in 25 mg/mL and 50 mg/mL strengths in 150 mL and 300 mL kits. The 50 mg/mL strength is also available in a 210 mL kit. Once reconstituted, solutions of FIRVANQ™ should be stored in the refrigerator, at 36°F to 46°F, and discarded after 14 days, or if it appears hazy or contains particulates.

FIRVANQ™ offers comparable pricing to the compounded oral solution based on individual facility pricing formulas, the dose ordered, and the quantity dispensed.

Reference- [Firvanq™ PI](#)

According to GoodRx, Firvanq is available at about \$135 / 150 ml, thus it should be about \$180 plus pharmacy add-on for the 210 ml vial needed to treat C Diff giving 5 ml q 6 hours for 10 days.

Generic Vancomycin 125 mg capsules are roughly \$5.35 each, or \$214 for the same course described above.

Choosing by price then depends on the pricing by the individual pharmacy, as this appears to be break even.