Chenodal (chenodiol, chenodeoxycholic acid)

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Chenodal is a naturally occurring human bile acid that facilitates the gradual dissolution of cholesterol gallstones. It has no effect on calcified or bile pigment gallstones.

**Pre-Authorization Criteria:**

patients with documented radiolucent gallstones who are poor surgical risks

Off-Label: cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis (CTX)

**Dosing:** 13-16 mg/kg/day divided into two doses [oral]

**PRECAUTIONS:** hepatotoxicity (check LFTs every 1-3 months); diarrhea

**DRUG INTERACTIONS:** bile acid sequestering agents (e.g. cholestyramine) decrease GI absorption; increased PT (caution with patients taking Coumadin)

**REFERENCES**


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