

## **Paracetamol overdose a major clinical problem : CDSCO to restrict Paracetamol prescription**

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation decided to curtail prescription of paracetamol.

Dr Ramesh Reddy, Ex VC, AP Medical Council, said a prolonged usage would cause liver damage.

Dr Ramesh Reddy says, "Paracetamol overdose is a major clinical problem. It is generally taken to relieve pain."

Centre to reduce paracetamol in prescriptions and wanted to phase it out in next 3 years.

CDSCO stated that state authorities may lowering of paracetamol to 325mg in formulations.

A warning will be provided on the label of products containing Paracetamol.

Dr GN Singh, Drug Controller General of India, said renewals of product permission on the existing formulations might continue.

R. Uday Bhaskar, All India Drug Controllers Federation Secretary General says paracetamol tablets sold separately are up to limit of 650mg.

Bhaskar says in combination it is up to 400mg.

Bhaskar asks, "Why is so much time given to pharma companies to limit contents?"

The Centre exempted fixed-dose combination containing paracetamol manufactured for export.