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## Treatment of Refractory Trichomoniasis

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## Treatment of T. vaginalis: 5-Nitroimidazoles

- <u>Preferred Regimens</u>:
  - Metronidazole (MTZ) 2 grams po X 1 dose
  - Tinidazole (TIN) 2 grams po X 1 dose
- <u>Alternative Regimen</u>:
  - MTZ 500 mg po bid X 7 days







2015 CDC STD Treatment Guidelines

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# Dosing for Drug Resistance<sup>1</sup> (avoid single-dose therapy)

- If patient fails single dose MTZ and re-infection is excluded:
  - MTZ 500 mg po bid for 7 days (15% of *T. vaginalis*-infected women treated with single dose MTZ have persistent infection<sup>2</sup>)
- If this does not work, consider:
  - MTZ or TIN 2 grams po daily for 5-7 days
  - Perform susceptibility testing on the T. vaginalis isolate -> CDC
  - Intravaginal paromomycin in combination with high-dose TIN, intravaginal boric acid, or nitazoxanide
  - High dose TIN at 2–3g po daily in combination with intravaginal TIN 500 mg twice daily for 14 days
  - NOT Recommended: intravaginal betadine douches, clotrimazole, acetic acid, furazolidone, gentian violet, nonoxynol-9, potassium permanganate, topic microbicides

