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Colistin Sulfate

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Source

National Cancer Institute. *Colistin Sulfate*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C386.

Cyclic polypeptide antibiotic from *Bacillus colistinus*. It is composed of Polymyxins E1 and E2 (or Colistins A, B, and C) which act as detergents on cell membranes. Colistin is less toxic than Polymyxin B, but otherwise similar; the methanesulfonate is used orally. (Medical Dictionary Online)