Illnesses: Signs & Recommended Treatment Guide

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BASIC GUIDE TO AQUARIUM MEDICATIONS

When your fish become sick or diseased, you need to take corrective action. First, observe the condition of your fish, identify the type of disease, obtain information about the conditions in the aquarium, then treat the sick fish.

Next, make sure you correct the aquarium conditions that caused the fish to become sick in the first place. The following chart outlines some of the more common fish diseases, as well as recommended medications for treatment.

Disease	Signs	Recommended Treatment
Bacterial Hemorrhagic Septicemia	Blood streaks in the fins (goldfish especially) or skin	Melafix API Fish Antibiotics Furan-2
Ich (Ichthyophthirius)	Labored breathing; dwelling near surface, filters, or aeration devices; white spots; scratching on fixed objects	**Freshwater:** Rid-Ich+ Ich-Attack **Saltwater*:** Rid-Ich+ Probiotic Marine Formula NO-ICH™ Marine **Scale-less fish:** Rid-Ich+ Ich-Attack
Eye Cloud, Pop Eye, & Body Slime	Whitish haze over eyes, eye protrusion, hazy/ slimy patches on body, rapid breathing	Melafix Triple Sulfa™
Fin & Tail Rot	Folded, closed fins; ragged, split fins	Melafix Furan-2 Fungus Cure™ Triple Sulfa™

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Velvet	Loss of normal color, scratching against fixed objects, labored breathing, golden "velvety" growth on skin	Probiotic Marine Formula Cupramine
Fish Lice	Parasite sucks blood and tissue fluids through skin	Cupramine
Cotton Mouth Disease	A white, cotton-like tuft on the mouth or other parts of the body	MelaFix Furan-2
Furunculosis	Ulcers which sometimes appear as small raised lumps	MelaFix Furan-2

* We recommend that you always treat sick saltwater fish in a separate/quarantine tank.

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