



PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS

Esomeprazole
Lansoprazole
Omeprazole
Pantoprazole
Rabeprazole

ABOUT your medicine

This medication is used to prevent ulcers and to treat other conditions where the stomach produces too much acid. It decreases the amount of acid made in the stomach.

It is used to treat duodenal and gastric ulcers and gastroesophageal reflux disease, a condition in which acid in the stomach washes back up into the esophagus, causing irritation and burning. This condition is also known as heartburn.

HOW should I take the medicine?

The long-acting oral medication is usually taken once a day, before a meal. Follow the directions on your prescription label carefully, and ask your doctor or pharmacist to explain the parts that you do not understand.

Continue to take the medication even if you feel well. Do not stop taking the medication without talking to your doctor.

Swallow the capsule whole, do not open, chew or crush the capsule.

What should I do if **I FORGET** a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember it. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and continue your regular dosing schedule. Do not double the dose to make up for a missed dose.

Keep all medication out of reach of children

Discard all medication that has expired or is no longer required

What are the possible **SIDE-EFFECTS** of the medicine?

Although the side-effects are not common, they can occur. These side-effects may go away during treatment as your body adjusts to the medicine. However, check with your doctor if any of the following side-effects continue or are bothersome.

Medicine	Side Effects
Esomeprazole	Headache
Lansoprazole	Diarrhea
Omeprazole	Stomach pain
Pantoprazole	Vomiting
Rabeprazole	Flatulence

Consult your doctor if you experience any unusual side effects when taking your medication

Stop taking the medication and call your doctor immediately if you have the following symptoms:

- Rash or hives
- Itching
- Difficulty in breathing or swallowing
- Yellow skin and eyes

What **PRECAUTIONS** should I take?

Before taking the medicine,

- Tell your doctor and pharmacist if you are allergic to any drugs
- Tell your doctor and pharmacist what medications you are taking, especially antibiotics, antifungals, phenytoin, warfarin, and vitamins.
- Tell your doctor if you have or have ever had liver or kidney diseases.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or are breast-feeding.

How should I **STORE** the medicine?

Keep the medication in an airtight container. Store away from heat and direct sunlight.

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