

Nova Gastrix Suspension

Description

Light beige viscous suspension with peppermint flavour.

Composition

Each 10ml contains Sodium Alginate 1000 mg and Potassium Bicarbonate 200 mg.

Actions and Pharmacology

On ingestion the suspension reacts with gastric acid to form a raft of alginic acid gel having a near-neutral pH and which floats on the stomach contents effectively (up to 4 hours) impeding gastro-oesophageal reflux. In severe cases the raft itself may be refluxed into the oesophagus in preference to the stomach contents and exert a demulcent effect.

Pharmacokinetics

The mode of action of Gastrix Suspension is physical and does not depend on absorption into the systemic circulation.

Indications

Treatment of symptoms of gastro-oesophageal reflux such as acid regurgitation, heartburn, indigestion occurring to the reflux of stomach contents, for instance, after gastric surgery, as a result of hiatus hernia, during pregnancy or accompanying reflux oesophagitis.

Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients of Nova Gastrix Suspension.

Pregnancy and Lactation

Can be taken by pregnant (if clinically needed) and breastfeeding women.

Warnings and Precautions

- Keep out of reach of children. *Jauhkan daripada capaian kanak-kanak.*
- If symptoms do not improve after seven days, the clinical situation should be reviewed.
- This product contains sodium and potassium. This should be taken into account when a highly restricted salt diet is recommended, e.g. in some cases of congestive cardiac failure and renal impairment or when taking drugs which can increase plasma potassium levels.
- This product contains calcium carbonate. Care needs to be taken in treating patients with hypercalcaemia, nephrocalcinosis and recurrent calcium containing renal calculi.
- The medical product contains methyl hydroxybenzoate and propyl hydroxybenzoate which may cause allergic reactions (possibly delayed).
- Treatment of children younger than 12 years of age is not generally recommended, except on medical advice.

Interaction with Other Medicaments and Other Forms of Interaction

There should be a 2 hours gap between taking Nova Gastrix Suspension and other medications such as tetracyclines, fluoroquinolones, iron supplements, thyroid hormones, chloroquine, bisphosphonates, or estramustine.

Main Side/Adverse Effects

Very rarely (<1/10,000) patients may develop allergic manifestations such as urticaria or bronchospasm, anaphylactic or anaphylactoid reactions.

Overdose

In the event of overdosage symptomatic treatment should be given. The patient may notice abdominal distension.

Dosage and Administration

Bottle:

SHAKE WELL BEFORE USE.

Adults, including the elderly and children 12 years and over:

5-10ml (one to two 5ml measuring spoons) after meals and at bedtime, or as directed.

Children under 12 years: Should only be taken on medical advice.

Sachet:

Adults, including the elderly and children 12 years and over: Take 1 sachet (10ml) after meals and at bedtime, or as directed.

Children under 12 years: Should only be taken on medical advice.

Route of Administration

Oral

Storage : Store below 30°C. Protect from light and moisture. Do not refrigerate.

Presentation/packing : Bottle of 200ml, Sachets of 10ml

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