

GASCOVID FORTE TABLET

Sodium alginate 500mg, Sodium bicarbonate 267mg, Calcium carbonate 160mg

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What Gascovid Forte Tablet is used for

Gascovid Forte Tablet is used for relief from the pain and discomfort of heartburn and acid indigestion.

How Gascovid Forte Tablet works

Gascovid Forte Tablet belongs to a group of medicines called 'reflux suppressants', which form a protective layer on the top of the stomach contents to prevent stomach acid from escaping from the stomach where it works into the food pipe causing pain and discomfort.

Before you use Gascovid Forte Tablet

- When you must not use it

Do not take this medicine if:

- you know you are allergic to any of the ingredients of this medicine (listed in Product Description).

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:

- urticaria
- bronchospasm
- anaphylactic or anaphylactoid reactions

Do not take this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is damaged.

If you are not sure whether you should start taking this medicine, talk to your pharmacist or doctor.

- Before you start use it

This product contains sodium and calcium carbonate.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking Gascovid Forte Tablet if you:

- have been advised to follow a diet restricted in either of these
- suffer or have suffered from significant kidney or heart disease, as certain salts could interfere with these diseases.
- know you have reduced amounts of gastric acid in your stomach, as this medicine may be less effective.

Pregnancy and lactation

Please consult your doctor or pharmacist if you are pregnant, planning for pregnant or breast-feeding before using any medicine.

Do not take Gascovid Forte Tablet if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant.

Do not take Gascovid Forte Tablet if you are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

- Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Do not take this product within two hours of taking other medicines by mouth as it can interfere with the action of some other medicines. This is especially important if you are taking antihistamines, antibiotics

(tetracyclines and quinolones such as norfloxacin), iron preparation, antifungals such as ketoconazole, digoxin and beta-blockers (for heart conditions), neuroleptics (for mental illness), thyroxine, chloroquine (for malaria) and bisphosphonates (for osteoporosis)

Other interactions not stated may occur. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have any other concerns.

How to use Gascovid Forte Tablet

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. If you do not understand the instructions on the label, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

- How much to use

For oral administration, chew thoroughly before swallowing.

Adult, including children over 12 years

When symptoms occur take one to two tablets after meal and at bedtime.

Children under 12 years

Should only be taken on medical advice.

Elderly

No dose modifications necessary for this age group.

- When to use it

After meal and at bedtime.

- How long to use it

Use this medicine for the duration that your doctor recommends.

- If you forget to use it

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

- If you use too much (overdose)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

If you take too much of this medicine you may feel bloated. It is unlikely to cause you any harm, but please consult your doctor or pharmacist.

While you are using Gascovid Forte Tablet

- Things you must do

Use your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking Gascovid Forte Tablet.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- Things you must not do

Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.

Do not give Gascovid Forte Tablet to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

Do not take more than the recommended dose unless your pharmacist or doctor tells you to

- Things to be careful of

Driving and using machines

This medicine may affect your ability to drive or use machines. If the tablets make you feel sick, dizzy or tired, or give you a headache, do not drive or use machines and contact your doctor immediately.

Side effects

Like all medicines, *product name* can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Tell your doctor immediately if you think you are experiencing any of the following possible unwanted side effects while taking the medicine.

Side effects reported (very rare less than 1 in 10 000 chance of an allergic reaction to the ingredients):

- skin rash
- itching
- difficulty breathing
- dizziness
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat

Other unwanted side effects not listed may occur. Tell your doctor immediately.

Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after using this medicine.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction monitoring by visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

Storage and Disposal of Gascovid Forte Tablet

- Storage

Keep out of reach and sight of children.

Store below 30°C.

- Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product description

- What it looks like?

Round, 16mm, off-white to dark beige slightly mottled uncoated tablet, beveled and flat faces.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredients

Each tablet contains:
Sodium alginate 500mg
Sodium bicarbonate 267mg
Calcium carbonate 160mg

- Inactive ingredients

Polyethyleneglycol 8000
Mannitol
Acesulfame potassium
Sucralose
Magnesium aluminometasilicate
Peppermint Flavour
Magnesium stearate
Copolydione

- MAL Number:
MAL14125080X

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