Pantoprazole-AFT

pantoprazole (as sodium sesquihydrate)

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using Pantoprazole-AFT. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Pantoprazole-AFT.**

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1. Why am I using Pantoprazole-AFT?

Pantoprazole-AFT contains the active ingredient pantoprazole. Pantoprazole-AFT belongs to a group of medicines called proton pump inhibitors (PPIs). This medicine works by decreasing the amount of acid the stomach makes to give relief from the symptoms and allow healing to take place.

Ulcers

Pantoprazole-AFT is used to treat and help heal duodenal and gastric ulcers. Depending on the position of the ulcer it is called a gastric or duodenal ulcer. A gastric ulcer occurs in the stomach. A duodenal ulcer occurs in the duodenum which is the tube leading out of the stomach. These can be caused in part by too much acid being made in the stomach.

Reflux disease

Pantoprazole-AFT is also used to treat reflux oesophagitis or reflux disease. This can be caused by "washing back" (reflux) of food and acid from the stomach into the food pipe, also known as the oesophagus.

Reflux can cause a burning sensation in the chest rising up to the throat, also known as heartburn.

Pantoprazole-AFT is also used to prevent reflux oesophagitis from coming back.

Zollinger-Ellison syndrome

Pantoprazole-AFT is used to treat a rare condition called Zollinger-Ellison syndrome, where the stomach produces very large amounts of acid, much more than in ulcers and reflux disease.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why it has been prescribed for you.