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PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION

PrPREVACID®
lansoprazole delayed-release capsule
(Manufacturer's standard)

Read this carefully before you start taking **PREVACID®** and each time you get a refill. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about this drug. Talk to your healthcare professional about your medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about **PREVACID®**.

Serious Warnings and Precautions

If you are taking PREVACID® and clarithromycin, and you are pregnant or nursing; do not use clarithromycin unless your doctor tells you. This may harm your fetus or infant.

What is PREVACID® used for?

PREVACID® is used to treat conditions where reducing stomach acid production is needed, such as:

- **Duodenal ulcer**
A duodenal ulcer is a sore on the lining of the duodenum, which is the beginning of the small intestine.
- **Gastric ulcer**
A gastric ulcer is a sore on the lining of the stomach.
- **Reflux esophagitis**
A reflux esophagitis is an inflammation of the swallowing tube (esophagus) resulting from regurgitation of gastric contents into the esophagus. Because stomach contents are acidic, this may result in irritation of the esophagus.
- **Healing of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID)-Associated Gastric Ulcer**
- **Reduction of risk of NSAID-Associated Gastric Ulcer**
- **Symptomatic gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)**
GERD is a disorder that results from stomach acid moving backward from the stomach into the esophagus.
- **Pathological hypersecretory conditions**
Pathological hypersecretory conditions are conditions in which the stomach produces too much acid, which comes up into the esophagus and causes heartburn.
- **Treatment of the bacterial infection caused by *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) in combination with other medications (e.g., the antibiotics clarithromycin and amoxicillin) to treat stomach ulcers.**

PREVACID[®] is also indicated for the treatment of erosive and non-erosive GERD in children, aged 1 to 17 years.

How does PREVACID[®] work?

PREVACID[®] is a proton pump inhibitor (PPI). It helps reduce acid production in the stomach.

What are the ingredients in PREVACID[®]?

Medicinal ingredients: lansoprazole

Non-medicinal ingredients: colloidal silicon dioxide, D&C Red No. 28, FD&C Blue No. 1, FD&C Green No. 3 (15 mg capsules only), FD&C Red No. 40, gelatin, hydroxypropyl cellulose, low substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose, magnesium carbonate, methacrylic acid copolymer, starch, talc, sugar spheres, sucrose, polyethylene glycol, polysorbate 80, and titanium dioxide.

PREVACID[®] comes in the following dosage forms:

- capsules, 15 mg and 30 mg (PREVACID[®])
- tablets, 15 mg and 30 mg (PREVACID[®] FasTab)

Do not use PREVACID[®] if:

- you have an allergy to:
 - lansoprazole or
 - any of the nonmedicinal ingredients in PREVACID[®] (see **What are the ingredients in PREVACID[®]?**).
- you are taking rilpivirine

To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you take PREVACID[®]. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including:

- about all **health problems** you have now or have had in the past;
- if you have or develop **severe diarrhea**. This may be a sign of a more serious condition;
- if you have **kidney problems**;
- if you have a **stomach cancer**;
- if you have **liver problems**;
- if you experience any including palpitations (rapid heartbeat), dizziness, seizures, twitching, spasms, cramps and convulsions. These may be signs of low magnesium levels in the body;
- if you are taking **astemizole[†], terfenadine[†], cisapride[†]** ([†] not currently marketed in Canada), **or pimozone**;
- if you are taking other medications (see **The following may interact with PREVACID[®]**);
- if you are **pregnant, trying to get pregnant, breastfeeding or planning to breastfeed**;
- if you are due to have a specific blood test (Chromogranin A).

Other warnings you should know about:

PREVACID[®] may help your acid-related symptoms. However you could still have serious stomach problems. Talk to your doctor if your problems continue.

Take PREVACID[®] exactly as your doctor tells you. You will use the lowest dose and shortest time suitable for your condition. Talk to your doctor if you have any concerns about your treatment.

Depending on your condition, your doctor may tell you to use PREVACID[®] for a longer period.

Using proton pump inhibitors like PREVACID[®] for a long time (every day for a year or longer) may increase risks of broken bones of the hip, wrist or spine. Talk to your doctor about this risk.

Long term use of proton pump inhibitors may also interfere with the absorption of Vitamin B₁₂ from the diet. This may cause a shortage of Vitamin B₁₂ in your body. Talk to your doctor.

Using PREVACID[®] for a long period of time may cause a growth in your stomach (polyp), especially after one year.

Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.

The following may interact with PREVACID[®]:

- ampicillin esters
- atazanavir
- nelfinavir
- saquinavir/ritonavir
- clopidogrel
- digoxin
- iron salts
- ketoconazole
- methotrexate
- sucralfate
- tacrolimus
- theophylline
- warfarin

How to take PREVACID[®]:

- Take PREVACID[®] daily:
 - Before breakfast
- If your doctor tells you to take PREVACID[®] twice daily, take:
 - One before breakfast
 - One with another meal
- Do not crush or chew capsules.
- Swallow whole with water.
- If you can't swallow capsules, then

- Open capsule.
- Sprinkle granules on one tablespoon of apple sauce and swallow immediately.
- Do not crush or chew granules.

Usual dose:

The recommended dose of PREVACID® is not the same for all the indications. Your doctor will tell you exactly which dose is better for your condition.

Condition	Adult Dose	Child Dose	How Often	How Long
Duodenal Ulcer	15 mg	--	Once daily before breakfast	2 to 4 weeks, as directed by doctor
Triple Therapy	30 mg PREVACID® 500 mg clarithromycin 1000 mg amoxicillin	--	Twice daily before breakfast and another meal	7, 10 or 14 days, as directed by doctor
Gastric Ulcer	15 mg	--	Once daily before breakfast	4 to 8 weeks, as directed by doctor
Healing of NSAID-Associated Gastric Ulcer	15 to 30 mg	--	Once daily before breakfast	Up to 8 weeks, as directed by doctor
Reduction of Risk of NSAID-Associated Gastric Ulcer	15 mg	--	Once daily before breakfast	Up to 12 weeks, as directed by doctor
Reflux Esophagitis or Poorly Responsive Reflux Esophagitis Including Patients with Barrett's Esophagus	30 mg	--	Once daily before breakfast	4 to 8 weeks, as directed by doctor
Maintenance Treatment of Healed Reflux Esophagitis	15 mg	--	Once daily before breakfast	As directed by doctor

Condition	Adult Dose	Child Dose	How Often	How Long
Treatment and Maintenance of Pathological Hypersecretory Conditions Including Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome	Starting dose: 60 mg once a day. Dose may be increased by doctor.	--	Once daily before breakfast If dose is more than 120 mg per day: take in divided doses.	As directed by doctor
Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)	15 mg	--	Once daily before breakfast	Up to 8 weeks, as directed by doctor. If symptoms do not stop within 4 to 8 weeks, talk to your doctor.
Pediatric GERD (erosive and non-erosive esophagitis)		1 to 11 years of age weighing: • 30 kg or less: 15 mg • over 30 kg: 30 mg 12 to 17 years of age: take adult dose	Once daily before breakfast	Up to 12 weeks, as directed by doctor.

Overdose:

If you think you have taken too much PREVACID[®], contact your healthcare professional, hospital emergency department or regional Poison Control Centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

Missed Dose:

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose. Just take the next dose at your regular time. Do not take 2 doses at the same time. If you are not sure about dosing, call your doctor. If you take too much PREVACID[®], call your doctor right away.

What are possible side effects from using PREVACID[®]?

Like all medicines, PREVACID[®] can cause side effects. However, most people do not have any side effects at all.

The following side effects have been reported (occurring between 1% and 10% in clinical trials): arthralgia (muscle pain), belching, constipation, diarrhea, dizziness, dry mouth, gas, headache, indigestion, insomnia, nausea, rash, vomiting, weakness.

If the following symptoms appear, consult your physician: bladder infection (pain, burning sensation upon urination) and upper respiratory tract infections (e.g., bronchitis, sinusitis, runny nose, sore throat).

Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these symptoms:

- New or worsening joint pain
- Rash on your cheeks or arms that gets worse in the sun

Serious side effects from lansoprazole are uncommon.

After stopping your medication, your symptoms may get worse and your stomach may increase the acid production.

Treatment in combination with antibiotics

If you experience symptoms such as severe (bloody or repeated watery) diarrhea, with or without fever, abdominal pain or tenderness, you may have bowel inflammation caused by bacterial infection (*Clostridium difficile*). If this happens, stop taking the drug combination and call your healthcare professional immediately.

Serious side effects and what to do about them			
Symptom / effect	Talk to your healthcare professional		Stop taking drug and get immediate medical help
	Only if severe	In all cases	
UNCOMMON* Abdominal pain		✓	
Severe diarrhea accompanied with blood and/or mucous			✓
* Uncommon: occurring between 0.2% and 1% in clinical trials			

If you have a troublesome symptom or side effect that is not listed here or becomes bad enough to interfere with your daily activities, talk to your healthcare professional.

Reporting Side Effects

You can help improve the safe use of health products for Canadians by reporting serious and unexpected side effects to Health Canada. Your report may help to identify new side effects and change the product safety information.

3 ways to report:

- Online at MedEffect;
- By calling 1-866-234-2345 (toll-free);
- By completing a Consumer Side Effect Reporting Form and sending it by:
 - Fax to 1-866-678-6789 (toll-free), or
 - Mail to: Canada Vigilance Program
Health Canada, Postal Locator 1908C
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0K9

Postage paid labels and the Consumer Side Effect Reporting Form are available at MedEffect.

NOTE: Contact your health professional if you need information about how to manage your side effects. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.

Storage:

Keep PREVACID[®] out of reach and sight of children.

Store at room temperature (15 to 25°C) in the original container. Protect from light and moisture. Do not use beyond the expiration date.

If you want more information about PREVACID[®]:

- Talk to your healthcare professional

The most recent version of this document plus the full Product Monograph, prepared for health professionals, can be found at:

- [Health Canada website](#)
- www.mylan.ca
- or by contacting the distributor, BGP Pharma ULC, Etobicoke, Ontario, M8Z 2S6 at:
- 1-844-596-9526

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