

DESCRIPTION

Gastalfet tablet contains 500 mg of Sucralfate (basic aluminium salt of sucrose octa sulphate).

INDICATIONS

For the treatment of duodenal ulcer, gastric ulcer and chronic gastritis.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Adult: Usual dose 1 gram 4 times daily to be taken 1 hour before meals and at bed time. Maximum daily dose is 8 grams. Four to six weeks treatment is usually needed for ulcer healing but upto twelve weeks may be necessary in resistant cases. Antacids may be used as required for relief of pain, but should not be taken half an hour before or after Gastalfet.

Elderly: There are no special dosage requirements for elderly patients but as with all medicines the lowest effective dose should be used. Safety and efficacy in children have not been established.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

There are no known contraindications.

PRECAUTIONS

The product should only be used with caution in patients with renal dysfunction.

PREGNANCY & LACTATION

Although animal studies show no evidence of foetal malformation, safety in pregnant women has not been established and Gastalfet should be used in pregnancy only if clearly needed.

It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk. Caution should be exercised when sucralfate is administered to nursing mothers.

DRUG INTERACTION

Concomitant use of sucralfate may reduce the bioavailability of certain drugs as has been observed in animal studies with tetracycline, phenytoin and cimetidine and in human studies with digoxin. Administration of Gastalfet with any of these drugs should be separated by two hours.

Since sucralfate may hinder warfarin absorption, caution should be exercised when these two drugs are used

SIDE EFFECTS

The incidence and severity of side effects from sucralfate are very low. Mild side effect like constipation has been reported in some patients.

OVERDOSAGE

There is no experience in human with overdosage.

COMMERCIAL BOX

Box containing 10 blister strips of 10 tablets, each tablet contains Sucralfate USP 500 mg.



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