

## Pharmacy

# Antacid and oxetacaine oral suspension

### Why have you been prescribed antacid and oxetacaine suspension?

Oxetacaine is a topical anaesthetic, which effectively relieves pain when applied to the lining of the mouth and food pipe. The antacids neutralize stomach acid and prevent further irritation of the food pipe. Antacid also thickens the liquid to help carry the oxetacaine and coat the food pipe.

### What ingredients are in antacid and oxetacaine oral suspension?

- Oxetacaine (local anaesthetic)
- Aluminium hydroxide (antacid)
- Magnesium hydroxide (antacid)
- Methyl parahydroxybenzoate (preservative)
- Propyl parahydroxybenzoate (preservative)
- Sorbitol (sweetener)
- Propylene glycol (solvent)

### Before you start using antacid and oxetacaine, tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of the following apply:

- You have an allergy to any of the ingredients.
- You are taking an antibiotic from a family of drugs called tetracyclines e.g. doxycycline, oxytetracycline. or quinolones e.g. levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin.
- You have been told you have a low phosphate level in your blood.
- You have been told you have a high magnesium level in your blood.
- You have been told your kidneys are not functioning well or that you have renal failure.
- You are pregnant or breast feeding.

### How much should you take?

You should take the suspension as prescribed. Shake the bottle well before use. The usual dose is 10ml fifteen minutes before food and at bedtime (four times a day). If you are unable to eat full meals, use it before each snack or when you feel pain in the mouth or food pipe. Using the product more than six times a day may increase the chance of having side effects.

### Does antacid and oxetacaine oral suspension have side effects?

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these side effects:

- Dizziness
- Allergic reactions (rash, itching)
- Fainting
- Diarrhoea
- Drowsiness
- Constipation



## Further information

### What do I do if I take too much antacid and oxetacaine, or if a child takes my medicine?

If you or they feel unwell, contact your doctor.

### Storage of antacid and oxetacaine oral suspension

The bottle should be stored below 25°F (room temperature) in a dry place, out of direct sunlight. Keep in a safe place out of the sight and reach of children. If a doctor tells you to stop taking the medicine or you no longer require the treatment, please return it to any pharmacy for disposal.

### When does the medicine expire?

On the right hand side of the manufacturer's label there is an expiry date following the letters EXP. Do not use the medicine after this date. Once the bottle has been opened, it should be used within 4 weeks or by the expiry date, whichever is earliest.

### Obtaining further supplies

Antacid and oxetacaine oral suspension is available from The Christie Pharmacy, you can ask for more at your hospital appointments. It may also be available from your GP and local pharmacy, but may take longer to obtain.

Your GP can write a prescription for the medicine and your chemist can order supplies in from Rosemont Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Supplies may take a number of days to obtain so please order prescriptions in advance where possible.

If you need information in a different format, such as easy read, large print, BSL, braille, email, SMS text or other communication support, please tell your ward or clinic nurse.

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