



General Authority for Health Services

For the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

Al-Rahba Hospital

Department of Pharmacy

Antacid



Why is this medication used?

- ✓ This medication treats indigestion, gas, heartburn, peptic ulcers and other digestive problems.



How should this medication be used?

- ✓ Your doctor will tell you how much to take and how often.
- ✓ If you are being treated for peptic ulcer, keep using this medication for as long as your doctor tells you to.
- ✓ Shake the oral liquid well just before each use. Measure the oral liquid medicine with a marked measuring spoon or medicine cup.
- ✓ Chew the chewable tablets before swallowing. Do not swallow whole.
- ✓ Take this medication after meals and at bedtime.



What special precautions should I follow?

- ✓ If you are pregnant or breast feeding, talk to your doctor before taking this medication.
- ✓ You shouldn't use certain brands of this medication if you have kidney disease or are on dialysis. as it could be harmful if your kidneys are not working properly, your health caregiver will write the specific brands of this medicine will work best for you.
- ✓ Antacids may contain large amounts of salts. Talk to your doctor before taking this medicine if you are on low-sodium (low-salt) diet.
- ✓ You should Store this medication at room temperature, away from heat, moisture, and direct light. Keep all medications away from children.



What special dietary instructions should I follow?

- Take this medication one hour before or two hours after meals and at bedtime.
- Avoid taking it with high calcium containing food as milk, yogurt or cheese.



What should I do if I forget to take a dose?

- ✓ Take the missed dose as soon as possible.
- ✓ If it is almost time for your next regular dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose.



What side effects can this medication cause?

Notify your physician if you experience any of the following:

- Excessive weakness or tiredness or severe stomach pain.
- Diarrhea or constipation.
- White colored stools.