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# OMEPRAZOLE

**(Brand Names: Prilosec,  
Gastrogard, and others)**

**STRENGTH:** 10 mg, 20 mg, and 40 mg sustained release capsules, oral suspension.

**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:** Best given on an empty stomach before the first meal of the day but can be given with food if necessary.

**ACTION OF MEDICATION:** Proton Pump Inhibitor antacid (the strongest class of antacids). Also, has ability to reduce cerebrospinal fluid production which is useful for certain neurologic conditions.

**MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** Diarrhea, gas, reduced appetite. These are generally mild and mitigated by giving the medication with some food.

**SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED:** None reported but use beyond four weeks is controversial..

**STORAGE:** Keep away from light and store at room temperature.

**IF YOU MISS A DOSE:** Do not double up on the next dose. If a dose is skipped, simply give it when it is remembered and time the next dose accordingly.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** Do not crush or break tablets.

We do not want to obliterate the stomach's ability to produce acid long term. For this reason omeprazole is best used for periods of 4 weeks or less.

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