

## PART III: CONSUMER INFORMATION

### PREVACID®

lansoprazole granules for delayed-release oral suspension

This leaflet is part III of a three-part "Product Monograph" published when PREVACID® was approved for sale in Canada and is designed specifically for Consumers. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about PREVACID®. Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about the drug.

### ABOUT THIS MEDICATION

#### What the medication is used for:

PREVACID® is a medicine that is indicated in the treatment of conditions where the reduction gastric acid secretion is required, 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 (sGERD)**  
sGERD 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.**

#### What it does:

PREVACID® is a type of medication called a proton pump inhibitor, commonly known as PPI.

There are cells in the lining of your stomach that produce the acid your body uses during digestion. The burning pain from acid reflux

disease is caused when this stomach acid backs up, or refluxes, into the esophagus.

PREVACID® helps reduce stomach acid production. In doing so, PREVACID® helps reduce the amount of acid backing up into your esophagus.

#### When it should not be used:

You should not take PREVACID® if you have an allergy to lansoprazole or to any of the nonmedicinal ingredients in PREVACID® (see What the important nonmedicinal ingredients are below).

#### What the medicinal ingredient is:

lansoprazole

#### What the important nonmedicinal ingredients are:

Confectioner's sugar, mannitol, docusate sodium, ferric oxide, colloidal silicon dioxide, xanthan gum, crospovidone, citric acid, sodium citrate, magnesium stearate, and artificial strawberry flavor.

#### What dosage forms it comes in:

PREVACID® is available in the following dosage forms:

- capsules, 15 mg and 30 mg
- granules for oral suspension, 15 mg and 30 mg
- tablets, 15 mg and 30 mg (PREVACID® FasTab)
- lyophilized powder (30 mg) for injection

### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### Serious Warnings and Precautions

**The antibiotic clarithromycin should not be used in pregnancy unless advised by your doctor due to potential hazards to the fetus.**

**BEFORE you use PREVACID® talk to your doctor or pharmacist:**

- about all **health problems** you have now or have had in the past;
- about all **other medicines** you are taking, including non-prescription medicines, nutritional supplements, or herbal products;
- if you have or develop **severe diarrhea** as this may be a sign of a more serious condition;
- if you have **kidney problems**;
- if you have a **malignant gastric ulcer**;
- if you have **liver problems**;
- if you are taking **astemizole, terfenadine, cisapride** (not currently marketed in Canada), or **pimozide**;

- if you have any **unusual** or **allergic reaction** (rash, difficulty breathing) to lansoprazole, the antibiotics clarithromycin\*, amoxicillin\*, or penicillin\*, any of the nonmedicinal ingredients in PREVACID® (see **What the important nonmedicinal ingredients are**), other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives. \*Some of these antibiotics may be used in the treatment of *H. pylori* and stomach ulcers during triple therapy;
- if you are **pregnant, trying to get pregnant or are breast-feeding**.

**Overdose:**

Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have taken more than the recommended dose.

**Missed Dose:**

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only that dose. Do not take double or extra doses.

**INTERACTIONS WITH THIS MEDICATION**

**Drugs that may interact with PREVACID® include:**

- ampicillin esters
- atazanavir
- digoxin
- iron salts
- ketoconazole
- sucralfate
- theophylline
- warfarin

**PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION**

**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.

PREVACID® should be taken daily before breakfast. Where the product may be used twice daily, it should be taken prior to breakfast and another meal.

**Directions for use:**

- Empty sachet contents into a container that contains 2 tablespoons of **WATER**.
- **DO NOT USE OTHER LIQUIDS OR FOODS.**
- Stir well, and drink immediately.
- **DO NOT CRUSH OR CHEW THE GRANULES.**
- If any material remains after drinking, add more water, stir, and drink immediately.
- **THIS PRODUCT SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN THROUGH ENTERAL ADMINISTRATION TUBES.**

**SIDE EFFECTS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM**

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. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if any of these side effects persist or become bothersome.

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).

Serious side effects from lansoprazole are not common.

**SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS, HOW OFTEN THEY HAPPEN AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM**

Symptom / effect		Talk with your doctor or pharmacist		Stop taking drug and call your doctor or pharmacist
		Only if severe	In all cases	
<b>Uncommon</b> (occurring between 0.2% and 1% in clinical trials)	Abdominal pain		✓	
	Severe diarrhea accompanied with blood and/or mucous			✓

*This is not a complete list of side effects. For any unexpected effects while taking PREVACID®, contact your doctor or pharmacist.*

**HOW TO STORE IT****HOW DO I STORE PREVACID®?**

Keep PREVACID® and all other medicines out of reach of children.

Store at room temperature (15°- 25°C / 59°-77°F) in a tight container. Protect from light and moisture. Do not use beyond the expiration date.

**GENERAL ADVICE ABOUT PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES:**

Talk to your doctor or other health care provider if you have any questions about this medicine or your condition. Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a CONSUMER INFORMATION Leaflet. If you have any concerns about this medicine, ask your doctor. Your doctor or pharmacist can give you information about this medicine that was written for health care professionals. Do not use this medicine for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not share this medicine with other people.

**REPORTING SUSPECTED SIDE EFFECTS**

**To monitor drug safety, Health Canada collects information on serious and unexpected effects of drugs. If you suspect you have had a serious or unexpected reaction to this drug you may notify Health Canada by:**

**Toll-free telephone:** 1-866-234-2345  
**Toll-free fax** 1-866-678-6789  
**By email:** [cadtmp@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:cadtmp@hc-sc.gc.ca)

**By regular mail:**  
**National AR Centre**  
**Marketed Health Products Safety and Effectiveness**  
**Information Division**  
**Marketed Health Products Directorate**  
**Tunney's Pasture, AL 0701C**  
**Ottawa ON K1A 0K9**

***NOTE: Before contacting Health Canada, you should contact your physician or pharmacist.***

**MORE INFORMATION**

This document plus the full Product Monograph, prepared for health professionals can be found at: <http://www.abbott.com> or by contacting the sponsor, Abbott Laboratories, Limited, Saint-Laurent, Qc H4S 1Z1 at: 1-800-699-9948

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