

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use pantoprazole sodium safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets.

Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets, USP

Initial U.S. approval: 2000

RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

Warnings and Precautions, Concomitant use of Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets with Methotrexate (5.8) 05/2012

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, USP are a proton pump inhibitor indicated for the following:

- Short-Term Treatment of Erosive Esophagitis Associated with Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD). (1.1)
- Maintenance of Healing of Erosive Esophagitis. (1.2)
- Pathological Hypersecretory Conditions Including Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome. (1.3)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Indication	Dose	Frequency
Short-Term Treatment of Erosive Esophagitis Associated With GERD (2.1)		
Adults	40 mg	Once Daily for up to 8 wks
Maintenance of Healing of Erosive Esophagitis (2.1)		
Adults	40 mg	Once Daily
Pathological Hypersecretory Conditions Including Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome (2.1)		
Adults	40 mg	Twice Daily

See full prescribing information for administration instructions.

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Delayed-Release Tablets: 20 mg and 40 mg (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Known hypersensitivity to any component of the formulation or to substituted benzimidazoles. (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Symptomatic response does not preclude presence of gastric malignancy. (5.1)
- Atrophic gastritis has been noted with long-term therapy. (5.2)
- Bone Fracture: Long-term and multiple daily dose PPI therapy may be associated with an increased risk for osteoporosis-related fractures of the hip, wrist or spine. (5.4)
- Hypomagnesemia has been reported rarely with prolonged treatment with PPIs. (5.5)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most frequently occurring adverse reactions are as follows:

- For adult use (>2%) are headache, diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting, flatulence, dizziness, and arthralgia. (6)

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DRUG INTERACTIONS

- Do not coadminister with atazanavir or nelfinavir. (7.1)
- Concomitant warfarin use may require monitoring. (7.2)
- May interfere with the absorption of drugs where gastric pH is important for bioavailability. (7.4)
- May produce false-positive urine screen for THC. (7.5)
- Methotrexate: Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets may increase serum level of methotrexate. (7.6)

Information describing use in pediatric patients with erosive esophagitis associated with GERD is approved for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets. However, due to Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s marketing exclusivity rights, this drug product is not labeled with that pediatric information.

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PACKAGE LABEL-PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL - 40 MG (90 TABLET BOTTLE)

PACKAGE LABEL-PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL - 40 MG BLISTER CARTON (10 X 10 UNIT-DOSE)

* Sections or subsections omitted from the full prescribing information are not listed

FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, USP are indicated for:

1.1 Short-Term Treatment of Erosive Esophagitis Associated With Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, USP are indicated in adults for the short-term treatment (up to 8 weeks) in the healing and symptomatic relief of erosive esophagitis. For those adult patients who have not healed after 8 weeks of treatment, an additional 8-week course of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, USP may be considered. Safety of treatment beyond 8 weeks in pediatric patients has not been established.

Pediatric indication and usage information in pediatric patients ages five years and older with erosive esophagitis associated with GERD is approved for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets. However, due to Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s marketing exclusivity rights, this drug product is not labeled with that pediatric information.

1.2 Maintenance of Healing of Erosive Esophagitis

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, USP are indicated for maintenance of healing of erosive esophagitis and reduction in relapse rates of daytime and nighttime heartburn symptoms in adult patients with GERD. Controlled studies did not extend beyond 12 months.

1.3 Pathological Hypersecretory Conditions Including Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, USP are indicated for the long-term treatment of pathological hypersecretory conditions, including Zollinger-Ellison syndrome.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Recommended Dosing Schedule

Pantoprazole sodium is supplied as delayed-release tablets. The recommended dosages are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Recommended Dosing Schedule for Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets

Indication	Dose	Frequency
Short-Term Treatment of Erosive Esophagitis Associated With GERD		
Adults	40 mg	Once daily for up to 8 weeks*
Maintenance of Healing of Erosive Esophagitis		
Adults	40 mg	Once daily
Pathological Hypersecretory Conditions Including Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome		
Adults	40 mg	Twice daily**

* For adult patients who have not healed after 8 weeks of treatment, an additional 8-week course of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets may be considered.

** Dosage regimens should be adjusted to individual patient needs and should continue for as long as clinically indicated. Doses up to 240 mg daily have been administered.

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2.2 Administration Instructions

Directions for method of administration of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets are presented in Table 2.

Table 2: Administration Instructions

Formulation	Route	Instructions*
Delayed-Release Tablets	Oral	Swallowed whole, with or without food

* Patients should be cautioned that pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets should not be split, chewed, or crushed.

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets should be swallowed whole, with or without food in the stomach. If patients are unable to swallow a 40 mg tablet, two 20 mg tablets may be taken. Concomitant administration of antacids does not affect the absorption of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- 20 mg, yellow colored, oval shaped, biconvex, enteric-coated tablets imprinted with 'I' and '51' with brown ink on one side and plain on other side.
- 40 mg, yellow colored, oval shaped, biconvex, enteric-coated tablets imprinted with 'I' and '52' with brown ink on one side and plain on other side.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets are contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any component of the formulation [see Description (11)] or any substituted benzimidazole.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Concurrent Gastric Malignancy

Symptomatic response to therapy with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets do not preclude the presence of gastric malignancy.

5.2 Atrophic Gastritis

Atrophic gastritis has been noted occasionally in gastric corpus biopsies from patients treated long-term with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, particularly in patients who were *H. pylori* positive.

5.3 Cyanocobalamin (Vitamin B-12) Deficiency

Generally, daily treatment with any acid-suppressing medications over a long period of time (e.g., longer than 3 years) may lead to malabsorption of cyanocobalamin (Vitamin B-12) caused by hypo- or achlorhydria. Rare reports of cyanocobalamin deficiency

occurring with acid-suppressing therapy have been reported in the literature. This diagnosis should be considered if clinical symptoms consistent with cyanocobalamin deficiency are observed.

5.4 Bone Fracture

Several published observational studies suggest that proton pump inhibitor (PPI) therapy may be associated with an increased risk for osteoporosis-related fractures of the hip, wrist, or spine. The risk of fracture was increased in patients who received high-dose, defined as multiple daily doses, and long-term PPI therapy (a year or longer). Patients should use the lowest dose and shortest duration of PPI therapy appropriate to the condition being treated. Patients at risk for osteoporosis-related fractures should be managed according to established treatment guidelines [see *Dosage and Administration (2) and Adverse Reactions (6.2)*].

5.5 Hypomagnesemia

Hypomagnesemia, symptomatic and asymptomatic, has been reported rarely in patients treated with PPIs for at least three months, in most cases after a year of therapy. Serious adverse events include tetany, arrhythmias, and seizures. In most patients, treatment of hypomagnesemia required magnesium replacement and discontinuation of the PPI.

For patients expected to be on prolonged treatment or who take PPIs with medications such as digoxin or drugs that may cause hypomagnesemia (e.g., diuretics), health care professionals may consider monitoring magnesium levels prior to initiation of PPI treatment and periodically [see *Adverse Reactions (6.2)*].

5.6 Tumorigenicity

Due to the chronic nature of GERD, there may be a potential for prolonged administration of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets. In long-term rodent studies, pantoprazole was carcinogenic and caused rare types of gastrointestinal tumors. The relevance of these findings to tumor development in humans is unknown [see *Nonclinical Toxicology (13.1)*].

5.7 Interference with Urine Screen for THC

See *Drug Interactions (7.5)*.

5.8 Concomitant use of Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed-Released Tablets with Methotrexate

Literature suggests

that

concomitant use

of

PPIs with methotrexate (primarily at high dose; see methotrexate prescribing information) may elevate and prolong serum levels of methotrexate and/or its metabolite, possibly leading to methotrexate toxicities. In high-dose methotrexate administration, a temporary withdrawal of the PPI may be considered in some patients. [see *Drug Interactions (7.6)*]

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

6.1 Clinical Trial Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice.

Adults

Safety in nine randomized comparative U.S. clinical trials in patients with GERD included 1,473 patients on oral pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets (20 mg or 40 mg), 299 patients on an H₂-receptor antagonist, 46 patients on another proton pump inhibitor, and 82 patients on placebo. The most frequently occurring adverse reactions are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: Adverse Reactions Reported in Clinical Trials of Adult Patients with GERD at a Frequency of > 2%

	Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets (n=1473)	Comparators (n=345)	Placebo (n=82)
	%	%	%
Headache	12.2	12.8	8.5
Diarrhea	8.8	9.6	4.9
Nausea	7	5.2	9.8
Abdominal pain	6.2	4.1	6.1
Vomiting	4.3	3.5	2.4

Flatulence	3.9	2.9	3.7
Dizziness	3	2.9	1.2
Arthralgia	2.8	1.4	1.2

Additional adverse reactions that were reported for pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets in clinical trials with a frequency of \leq 2% are listed below by body system:

Body as a Whole: allergic reaction, pyrexia, photosensitivity reaction, facial edema

Gastrointestinal: constipation, dry mouth, hepatitis

Hematologic: leukopenia, thrombocytopenia

Metabolic/Nutritional: elevated CK (creatine kinase), generalized edema, elevated triglycerides, liver enzymes elevated

Musculoskeletal: myalgia

Nervous: depression, vertigo

Skin and Appendages: urticaria, rash, pruritus

Special Senses: blurred vision

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Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome

In clinical studies of Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome, adverse reactions reported in 35 patients taking pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 80 mg/day to 240 mg/day for up to 2 years were similar to those reported in adult patients with GERD.

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during postapproval use of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

These adverse reactions are listed below by body system:

General Disorders and Administration Conditions: asthenia, fatigue, malaise

Hepatobiliary Disorders: hepatocellular damage leading to jaundice and hepatic failure

Immune System Disorders: anaphylaxis (including anaphylactic shock)

Investigations: weight changes

Metabolism and Nutritional Disorders: hyponatremia, hypomagnesemia

Musculoskeletal Disorders: rhabdomyolysis, bone fracture

Psychiatric Disorders: hallucination, confusion, insomnia, somnolence

Renal and Urinary Disorders: interstitial nephritis

Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders: severe dermatologic reactions (some fatal), including erythema multiforme, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN, some fatal), and angioedema (Quincke's edema)

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Interference with Antiretroviral Therapy

Concomitant use of atazanavir or nelfinavir with proton pump inhibitors is not recommended. Coadministration of atazanavir or nelfinavir with proton pump inhibitors is expected to substantially decrease atazanavir or nelfinavir plasma concentrations and may result in a loss of therapeutic effect and development of drug resistance.

7.2 Coumarin Anticoagulants

There have been postmarketing reports of increased INR and prothrombin time in patients receiving proton pump inhibitors, including pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, and warfarin concomitantly. Increases in INR and prothrombin time may lead to abnormal bleeding and even death. Patients treated with proton pump inhibitors and warfarin concomitantly should be monitored for increases in INR and prothrombin time.

7.3 Clopidogrel

Concomitant administration of pantoprazole and clopidogrel in healthy subjects had no clinically important effect on exposure to the active metabolite of clopidogrel or clopidogrel-induced platelet inhibition [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)]. No dose adjustment of clopidogrel is necessary when administered with an approved dose of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets.

7.4 Drugs for Which Gastric pH Can Affect Bioavailability

Pantoprazole causes long-lasting inhibition of gastric acid secretion. Therefore, pantoprazole may interfere with absorption of drugs where gastric pH is an important determinant of their bioavailability (e.g., ketoconazole, ampicillin esters, and iron salts).

7.5 False Positive Urine Tests for THC

There have been reports of false positive urine screening tests for tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in patients receiving proton pump inhibitors. An alternative confirmatory method should be considered to verify positive results.

7.6 Methotrexate

Case reports, published

population

pharmacokinetic

studies,

and retrospective analyses suggest that concomitant administration of PPIs and methotrexate (primarily at high dose; see methotrexate prescribing information) may elevate and prolong serum levels of methotrexate and/or its metabolite hydroxymethotrexate. However, no formal drug interaction studies of methotrexate with PPIs have been conducted [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)*].

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Teratogenic Effects

Pregnancy Category B

Reproduction studies have been performed in rats at oral doses up to 88 times the recommended human dose and in rabbits at oral doses up to 16 times the recommended human dose and have revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the fetus due to pantoprazole. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, this drug should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed [*see Nonclinical Toxicology (13.2)*].

8.3 Nursing Mothers

Pantoprazole and its metabolites are excreted in the milk of rats. Pantoprazole excretion in human milk has been detected in a study of a single nursing mother after a single 40 mg oral dose. The clinical relevance of this finding is not known. Many drugs which are excreted in human milk have a potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants. Based on the potential for tumorigenicity shown for pantoprazole in rodent carcinogenicity studies, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the benefit of the drug to the mother.

8.4 Pediatric Use

The effectiveness of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets for treating symptomatic GERD in pediatric patients has not been established.

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8.5 Geriatric Use

In short-term U.S. clinical trials, erosive esophagitis healing rates in the 107 elderly patients (≥ 65 years old) treated with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets were similar to those found in patients under the age of 65. The incidence rates of adverse reactions and laboratory abnormalities in patients aged 65 years and older were similar to those associated with patients younger than 65 years of age.

8.6 Gender

Erosive esophagitis healing rates in the 221 women treated with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets in U.S. clinical trials were similar to those found in men. In the 122 women treated long-term with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 40 mg or 20 mg, healing was maintained at a rate similar to that in men. The incidence rates of adverse reactions were also similar for men and women.

8.7 Patients with Hepatic Impairment

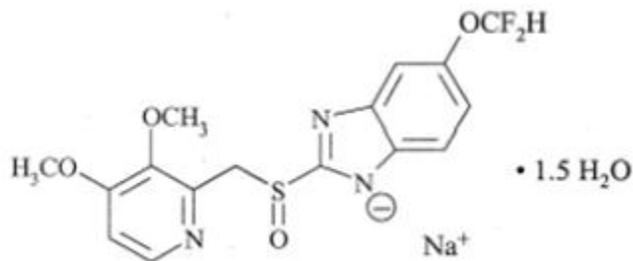
Doses higher than 40 mg/day have not been studied in patients with hepatic impairment [*see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

10 OVERDOSAGE

Experience in patients taking very high doses of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets (> 240 mg) is limited. Spontaneous postmarketing reports of overdose are generally within the known safety profile of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets. Pantoprazole is not removed by hemodialysis. In case of overdosage, treatment should be symptomatic and supportive. Single oral doses of pantoprazole at 709 mg/kg, 798 mg/kg, and 887 mg/kg were lethal to mice, rats, and dogs, respectively. The symptoms of acute toxicity were hypoactivity, ataxia, hunched sitting, limb-splay, lateral position, segregation, absence of ear reflex, and tremor.

11 DESCRIPTION

The active ingredient in pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, USP is a substituted benzimidazole, sodium 5-(difluoromethoxy)-2-[[[(3,4-dimethoxy-2-pyridinyl)methyl] sulfinyl]-1*H*-benzimidazole sesquihydrate, a compound that inhibits gastric acid secretion. Its molecular formula is $C_{16}H_{14}F_2N_3NaO_4S \cdot 1.5 H_2O$, with a molecular weight of 432.4. The structural formula is:



Pantoprazole sodium USP is a white to off-white powder and is racemic. Pantoprazole has weakly basic and acidic properties. Pantoprazole sodium USP is freely soluble in water, very slightly soluble in phosphate buffer at pH 7.4, and practically insoluble in n-hexane.

The stability of the compound in aqueous solution is pH-dependent. The rate of degradation increases with decreasing pH. At ambient temperature, the degradation half-life is approximately 2.8 hours at pH 5 and approximately 220 hours at pH 7.8.

Pantoprazole sodium USP is supplied as a delayed-release tablet, available in two strengths (20 mg and 40 mg).

Each pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, USP contain 45.1 mg or 22.56 mg of pantoprazole sodium USP (equivalent to 40 mg or 20 mg pantoprazole, respectively) with the following inactive ingredients: calcium stearate, crospovidone, ferric oxide, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hypromellose, mannitol, methacrylic acid copolymer dispersion, sodium carbonate, and triethyl citrate. The tablets are imprinted with brown ink containing ammonium hydroxide, iron oxide black, iron oxide red, iron oxide yellow, isopropyl alcohol, N-butyl alcohol, propylene glycol, and shellac glaze in ethanol. Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets (40 mg and 20 mg) complies USP dissolution test 3.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Pantoprazole is a proton pump inhibitor (PPI) that suppresses the final step in gastric acid production by covalently binding to the (H^+, K^+) -ATPase enzyme system at the secretory surface of the gastric parietal cell. This effect leads to inhibition of both basal and stimulated gastric acid secretion, irrespective of the stimulus. The binding to the (H^+, K^+) -ATPase results in a duration of antisecretory effect that persists longer than 24 hours for all doses tested (20 mg to 120 mg).

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets suppressed pentagastrin-stimulated MAO in patients ($n = 49$) with GERD and a history of EE. In this multicenter, pharmacodynamic crossover study, a 40 mg oral dose of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets was administered once daily for 7 days, thirty minutes before breakfast. Pentagastrin-stimulated (MAO) was assessed from hour 23 to 24 at steady state.

Antisecretory Activity

Under maximal acid stimulatory conditions using pentagastrin, a dose-dependent decrease in gastric acid output occurs after a single dose of oral (20 to 80 mg) or a single dose of intravenous (20 to 120 mg) pantoprazole in healthy volunteers. Pantoprazole given once daily results in increasing inhibition of gastric acid secretion. Following the initial oral dose of 40 mg pantoprazole, a 51% mean inhibition was achieved by 2.5 hours. With once-a-day dosing for 7 days, the mean inhibition was increased to 85%. Pantoprazole suppressed acid secretion in excess of 95% in half of the subjects. Acid secretion had returned to normal within a week after the last dose of pantoprazole; there was no evidence of rebound hypersecretion.

In a series of dose-response studies, pantoprazole, at oral doses ranging from 20 to 120 mg, caused dose-related increases in median basal gastric pH and in the percent of time gastric pH was > 3 and > 4. Treatment with 40 mg of pantoprazole produced significantly greater increases in gastric pH than the 20 mg dose. Doses higher than 40 mg (60, 80, 120 mg) did not result in further significant

increases in median gastric pH. The effects of pantoprazole on median pH from one double-blind crossover study are shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Effect of Single Daily Doses of Oral Pantoprazole on Intra-gastric pH

Time	Median pH on day 7			
	Placebo	20 mg	40 mg	80 mg
8 a.m. to 8 a.m. (24 hours)	1.3	2.9*	3.8*#	3.9*#
8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Daytime)	1.6	3.2*	4.4*#	4.8*#
10 p.m. to 8 a.m. (Nighttime)	1.2	2.1*	3*	2.6*

* Significantly different from placebo

Significantly different from 20 mg

Serum Gastrin Effects

Fasting serum gastrin levels were assessed in two double-blind studies of the acute healing of erosive esophagitis (EE) in which 682 patients with gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) received 10, 20, or 40 mg of pantoprazole sodium for up to 8 weeks. At 4 weeks of treatment there was an increase in mean gastrin levels of 7%, 35%, and 72% over pretreatment values in the 10, 20, and 40 mg treatment groups, respectively. A similar increase in serum gastrin levels was noted at the 8-week visit with mean increases of 3%, 26%, and 84% for the three pantoprazole dose groups. Median serum gastrin levels remained within normal limits during maintenance therapy with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets.

In long-term international studies involving over 800 patients, a 2- to 3-fold mean increase from the pretreatment fasting serum gastrin level was observed in the initial months of treatment with pantoprazole at doses of 40 mg per day during GERD maintenance studies and 40 mg or higher per day in patients with refractory GERD. Fasting serum gastrin levels generally remained at approximately 2 to 3 times baseline for up to 4 years of periodic follow-up in clinical trials.

Following short-term treatment with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, elevated gastrin levels return to normal by at least 3 months.

Enterochromaffin-Like (ECL) Cell Effects

In 39 patients treated with oral pantoprazole 40 mg to 240 mg daily (majority receiving 40 mg to 80 mg) for up to 5 years, there was a moderate increase in ECL-cell density, starting after the first year of use, which appeared to plateau after 4 years.

In a nonclinical study in Sprague-Dawley rats, lifetime exposure (24 months) to pantoprazole at doses of 0.5 to 200 mg/kg/day resulted in dose-related increases in gastric ECL cell proliferation and gastric neuroendocrine (NE)-cell tumors. Gastric NE-cell tumors in rats may result from chronic elevation of serum gastrin concentrations. The high density of ECL cells in the rat stomach makes this species highly susceptible to the proliferative effects of elevated gastrin concentrations produced by proton pump inhibitors. However, there were no observed elevations in serum gastrin following the administration of pantoprazole at a dose of 0.5 mg/kg/day. In a separate study, a gastric NE-cell tumor without concomitant ECL-cell proliferative changes was observed in 1 female rat following 12 months of dosing with pantoprazole at 5 mg/kg/day and a 9 month off-dose recovery [see *Nonclinical Toxicology (13.1)*].

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets are prepared as enteric-coated tablets so that absorption of pantoprazole begins only after the tablet leaves the stomach. Peak serum concentration (C_{max}) and area under the serum concentration time curve (AUC) increase in a manner proportional to oral and intravenous doses from 10 mg to 80 mg. Pantoprazole does not accumulate, and its pharmacokinetics are unaltered with multiple daily dosing. Following oral or intravenous administration, the serum concentration of pantoprazole declines biexponentially, with a terminal elimination half-life of approximately one hour.

In extensive metabolizers with normal liver function receiving an oral dose of the enteric-coated 40 mg pantoprazole tablet, the peak concentration (C_{max}) is 2.5 mcg/mL; the time to reach the peak concentration (t_{max}) is 2.5 h, and the mean total area under the plasma concentration versus time curve (AUC) is 4.8 mcg•h/mL (range 1.4 to 13.3 mcg•h/mL). Following intravenous administration of pantoprazole to extensive metabolizers, its total clearance is 7.6 to 14 L/h, and its apparent volume of distribution is 11 to 23.6 L.

Absorption

After administration of a single or multiple oral 40 mg doses of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, the peak plasma concentration of pantoprazole was achieved in approximately 2.5 hours, and C_{max} was 2.5 mcg/mL. Pantoprazole undergoes little

first-pass metabolism, resulting in an absolute bioavailability of approximately 77%. Pantoprazole absorption is not affected by concomitant administration of antacids.

Administration of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets with food may delay its absorption up to 2 hours or longer; however, the C_{max} and the extent of pantoprazole absorption (AUC) are not altered. Thus, pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets may be taken without regard to timing of meals.

Distribution

The apparent volume of distribution of pantoprazole is approximately 11 to 23.6 L, distributing mainly in extracellular fluid. The serum protein binding of pantoprazole is about 98%, primarily to albumin.

Metabolism

Pantoprazole is extensively metabolized in the liver through the cytochrome P450 (CYP) system. Pantoprazole metabolism is independent of the route of administration (intravenous or oral). The main metabolic pathway is demethylation, by CYP2C19, with subsequent sulfation; other metabolic pathways include oxidation by CYP3A4. There is no evidence that any of the pantoprazole metabolites have significant pharmacologic activity.

Elimination

After a single oral or intravenous dose of ^{14}C -labeled pantoprazole to healthy, normal metabolizer volunteers, approximately 71% of the dose was excreted in the urine, with 18% excreted in the feces through biliary excretion. There was no renal excretion of unchanged pantoprazole.

Geriatric

Only slight to moderate increases in pantoprazole AUC (43%) and C_{max} (26%) were found in elderly volunteers (64 to 76 years of age) after repeated oral administration, compared with younger subjects. No dosage adjustment is recommended based on age.

Pediatric

Pharmacokinetic information in pediatric patients is approved for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets. However, due to Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s marketing exclusivity rights, this drug product is not labeled with that pediatric information.

Gender

There is a modest increase in pantoprazole AUC and C_{max} in women compared to men. However, weight-normalized clearance values are similar in women and men. No dosage adjustment is recommended based on gender. In pediatric patients ages 1 through 16 years there were no clinically relevant effects of gender on clearance of pantoprazole, as shown by population pharmacokinetic analysis.

Renal Impairment

In patients with severe renal impairment, pharmacokinetic parameters for pantoprazole were similar to those of healthy subjects. No dosage adjustment is necessary in patients with renal impairment or in patients undergoing hemodialysis.

Hepatic Impairment

In patients with mild to severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh A to C cirrhosis), maximum pantoprazole concentrations increased only slightly (1.5-fold) relative to healthy subjects. Although serum half-life values increased to 7 to 9 hours and AUC values increased by 5- to 7-fold in hepatic-impaired patients, these increases were no greater than those observed in CYP2C19 poor metabolizers, where no dosage adjustment is warranted. These pharmacokinetic changes in hepatic-impaired patients result in minimal drug accumulation following once-daily, multiple-dose administration. No dosage adjustment is needed in patients with mild to severe hepatic impairment. Doses higher than 40 mg/day have not been studied in hepatically impaired patients.

Drug-Drug Interactions

Pantoprazole is metabolized mainly by CYP2C19 and to minor extents by CYPs 3A4, 2D6, and 2C9. In *in vivo* drug-drug interaction studies with CYP2C19 substrates (diazepam [also a CYP3A4 substrate] and phenytoin [also a CYP3A4 inducer] and clopidogrel), nifedipine, midazolam, and clarithromycin (CYP3A4 substrates), metoprolol (a CYP2D6 substrate), diclofenac, naproxen and piroxicam (CYP2C9 substrates), and theophylline (a CYP1A2 substrate) in healthy subjects, the pharmacokinetics of pantoprazole were not significantly altered.

Clopidogrel is metabolized to its active metabolite in part by CYP2C19. In a crossover clinical study, 66 healthy subjects were administered clopidogrel (300 mg loading dose followed by 75 mg per day) alone and with pantoprazole (80 mg at the same time as clopidogrel) for 5 days. On Day 5, the mean AUC of the active metabolite of clopidogrel was reduced by approximately 14% (geometric mean ratio was 86%, with 90% CI of 79 to 93%) when pantoprazole was coadministered with clopidogrel as compared to clopidogrel administered alone. Pharmacodynamic parameters were also measured and demonstrated that the change in inhibition of platelet aggregation (induced by 5 μ M ADP) was correlated with the change in the exposure to clopidogrel active metabolite. The clinical significance of this finding is not clear.

In vivo studies also suggest that pantoprazole does not significantly affect the kinetics of the following drugs (cisapride, theophylline, diazepam [and its active metabolite, desmethyl-diazepam], phenytoin, warfarin, metoprolol, nifedipine, carbamazepine, midazolam, clarithromycin, naproxen, piroxicam, and oral contraceptives [levonorgestrel/ ethinyl estradiol]). Dosage adjustment of these drugs is not necessary when they are coadministered with pantoprazole. In other *in vivo* studies, digoxin, ethanol, glyburide, antipyrine, caffeine, metronidazole, and amoxicillin had no clinically relevant interactions with pantoprazole.

Based on studies evaluating possible interactions of pantoprazole with other drugs, no dosage adjustment is needed with concomitant use of the following: theophylline, cisapride, antipyrine, caffeine, carbamazepine, diazepam (and its active metabolite,

desmethyldiazepam), diclofenac, naproxen, piroxicam, digoxin, ethanol, glyburide, an oral contraceptive (levonorgestrel/ethinyl estradiol), metoprolol, nifedipine, phenytoin, warfarin, midazolam, clarithromycin, metronidazole, or amoxicillin.

There was also no interaction with concomitantly administered antacids.

There have been postmarketing reports of increased INR and prothrombin time in patients receiving proton pump inhibitors, including pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, and warfarin concomitantly [see *Drug Interactions (7.2)*].

Although no significant drug-drug interactions have been observed in clinical studies, the potential for significant drug-drug interactions with more than once-daily dosing with high doses of pantoprazole has not been studied in poor metabolizers or individuals who are hepatically impaired.

Other Effects

In a clinical pharmacology study, pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 40 mg given once daily for 2 weeks had no effect on the levels of the following hormones: cortisol, testosterone, triiodothyronine (T₃), thyroxine (T₄), thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH), thyronine-binding protein, parathyroid hormone, insulin, glucagon, renin, aldosterone, follicle-stimulating hormone, luteinizing hormone, prolactin, and growth hormone.

In a 1-year study of GERD patients treated with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 40 mg or 20 mg, there were no changes from baseline in overall levels of T₃, T₄, and TSH.

12.4 Pharmacogenomics

CYP2C19 displays a known genetic polymorphism due to its deficiency in some subpopulations (e.g., approximately 3% of Caucasians and African-Americans and 17% to 23% of Asians are poor metabolizers). Although these subpopulations of pantoprazole poor metabolizers have elimination half-life values of 3.5 to 10 hours in adults, they still have minimal accumulation ($\leq 23\%$) with once-daily dosing. For adult patients who are CYP2C19 poor metabolizers, no dosage adjustment is needed.

Similar to adults, pediatric patients who have the poor metabolizer genotype of CYP2C19 (CYP2C19 *2/*2) exhibited greater than a 6-fold increase in AUC compared to pediatric extensive (CYP2C19 *1/*1) and intermediate (CYP2C19 *1/*x) metabolizers. Poor metabolizers exhibited approximately 10-fold lower apparent oral clearance compared to extensive metabolizers.

For known pediatric poor metabolizers, a dose reduction should be considered.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

In a 24-month carcinogenicity study, Sprague-Dawley rats were treated orally with doses of 0.5 to 200 mg/kg/day, about 0.1 to 40 times the exposure on a body surface area basis of a 50 kg person dosed at 40 mg/day. In the gastric fundus, treatment at 0.5 to 200 mg/kg/day produced enterochromaffin-like (ECL) cell hyperplasia and benign and malignant neuroendocrine cell tumors in a dose-related manner. In the forestomach, treatment at 50 and 200 mg/kg/day (about 10 and 40 times the recommended human dose on a body surface area basis) produced benign squamous cell papillomas and malignant squamous cell carcinomas. Rare gastrointestinal tumors associated with pantoprazole treatment included an adenocarcinoma of the duodenum at 50 mg/kg/day and benign polyps and adenocarcinomas of the gastric fundus at 200 mg/kg/day. In the liver, treatment at 0.5 to 200 mg/kg/day produced dose-related increases in the incidences of hepatocellular adenomas and carcinomas. In the thyroid gland, treatment at 200 mg/kg/day produced increased incidences of follicular cell adenomas and carcinomas for both male and female rats.

In a 24-month carcinogenicity study, Fischer 344 rats were treated orally with doses of 5 to 50 mg/kg/day, approximately 1 to 10 times the recommended human dose based on body surface area. In the gastric fundus, treatment at 5 to 50 mg/kg/day produced enterochromaffin-like (ECL) cell hyperplasia and benign and malignant neuroendocrine cell tumors. Dose selection for this study may not have been adequate to comprehensively evaluate the carcinogenic potential of pantoprazole.

In a 24-month carcinogenicity study, B6C3F1 mice were treated orally with doses of 5 to 150 mg/kg/day, 0.5 to 15 times the recommended human dose based on body surface area. In the liver, treatment at 150 mg/kg/day produced increased incidences of hepatocellular adenomas and carcinomas in female mice. Treatment at 5 to 150 mg/kg/day also produced gastric-fundic ECL cell hyperplasia.

A 26-week p53 +/- transgenic mouse carcinogenicity study was not positive.

Pantoprazole was positive in the *in vitro* human lymphocyte chromosomal aberration assays, in one of two mouse micronucleus tests for clastogenic effects, and in the *in vitro* Chinese hamster ovarian cell/HGPRT forward mutation assay for mutagenic effects. Equivocal results were observed in the *in vivo* rat liver DNA covalent binding assay. Pantoprazole was negative in the *in vitro* Ames mutation assay, the *in vitro* unscheduled DNA synthesis (UDS) assay with rat hepatocytes, the *in vitro* AS52/GPT mammalian cell-forward gene mutation assay, the *in vitro* thymidine kinase mutation test with mouse lymphoma L5178Y cells, and the *in vivo* rat bone marrow cell chromosomal aberration assay.

There were no effects on fertility or reproductive performance when pantoprazole was given at oral doses up to 500 mg/kg/day in male rats (98 times the recommended human dose based on body surface area) and 450 mg/kg/day in female rats (88 times the recommended human dose based on body surface area).

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

Studies in neonatal/juvenile and adult rats and dogs were performed. The data from these studies revealed that animals in both age groups respond to pantoprazole in a similar manner. Gastric alterations, including increased stomach weights, increased incidence of eosinophilic chief cells in adult and neonatal/juvenile rats, and atrophy of chief cells in adult rats and in neonatal/juvenile dogs, were observed in the fundic mucosa of stomachs in repeated-dose studies. Decreases in red cell mass parameters, increases in cholesterol and triglycerides, increased liver weight, enzyme induction, and hepatocellular hypertrophy were also seen in repeated-dose studies in rats and/or dogs. Full to partial recovery of these effects were noted in animals of both age groups following a recovery period.

Reproductive Toxicology Studies

Reproduction studies have been performed in rats at oral doses up to 450 mg/kg/day (88 times the recommended human dose based on body surface area) and rabbits at oral doses up to 40 mg/kg/day (16 times the recommended human dose based on body surface area) and have revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the fetus due to pantoprazole.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets were used in the following clinical trials.

14.1 Erosive Esophagitis (EE) Associated with Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)

Adult Patients

A U.S. multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 10 mg, 20 mg, or 40 mg once daily was conducted in 603 patients with reflux symptoms and endoscopically diagnosed EE of grade 2 or above (Hetzel-Dent scale). In this study, approximately 25% of enrolled patients had severe EE of grade 3, and 10% had grade 4. The percentages of patients healed (per protocol, n = 541) in this study are shown in Table 7.

Table 7: Erosive Esophagitis Healing Rates (Per Protocol)

Week	Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets			Placebo (n = 68)
	10 mg daily (n = 153)	20 mg daily (n = 158)	40 mg daily (n = 162)	
4	45.6% ⁺	58.4% ^{+#}	75% ^{+*}	14.3%
8	66% ⁺	83.5% ^{+#}	92.6% ^{+*}	39.7%

⁺ (p < 0.001) pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets versus placebo

^{*} (p < 0.05) versus 10 mg or 20 mg pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets

[#] (p < 0.05) versus 10 mg pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets

In this study, all pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets treatment groups had significantly greater healing rates than the placebo group. This was true regardless of *H. pylori* status for the 40 mg and 20 mg pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets treatment groups. The 40 mg dose of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets resulted in healing rates significantly greater than those found with either the 20 mg or 10 mg dose.

A significantly greater proportion of patients taking pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 40 mg experienced complete relief of daytime and nighttime heartburn and the absence of regurgitation, starting from the first day of treatment, compared with placebo. Patients taking pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets consumed significantly fewer antacid tablets per day than those taking placebo.

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 40 mg and 20 mg once daily were also compared with nizatidine 150 mg twice daily in a U.S. multicenter, double-blind study of 243 patients with reflux symptoms and endoscopically diagnosed EE of grade 2 or above. The percentages of patients healed (per protocol, n = 212) are shown in Table 8.

Table 8: Erosive Esophagitis Healing Rates (Per Protocol)

Week	Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets		Nizatidine 150 mg twice daily (n = 70)
	20 mg daily (n = 72)	40 mg daily (n = 70)	
4	61.4% ⁺	64% ⁺	22.2%
8	79.2% ⁺	82.9% ⁺	41.4%

⁺ (p < 0.001) pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets versus nizatidine

Once-daily treatment with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 40 mg or 20 mg resulted in significantly superior rates of healing at both 4 and 8 weeks compared with twice-daily treatment with 150 mg of nizatidine. For the 40 mg treatment group, significantly greater healing rates compared to nizatidine were achieved regardless of the *H. pylori* status.

A significantly greater proportion of the patients in the pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets treatment groups experienced complete relief of nighttime heartburn and regurgitation, starting on the first day and of daytime heartburn on the second day, compared with those taking nizatidine 150 mg twice daily. Patients taking pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets consumed significantly fewer antacid tablets per day than those taking nizatidine.

Clinical study information in pediatric patients ages five years through 16 years with erosive esophagitis associated with GERD is approved for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets. However, due to Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s marketing exclusivity rights, this drug product is not labeled with that pediatric information.

14.2 Long-Term Maintenance of Healing of Erosive Esophagitis

Two independent, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, comparator-controlled trials of identical design were conducted in adult GERD patients with endoscopically confirmed healed erosive esophagitis to demonstrate efficacy of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets in long-term maintenance of healing. The two U.S. studies enrolled 386 and 404 patients, respectively, to receive either 10 mg, 20 mg, or 40 mg of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets once daily or 150 mg of ranitidine twice daily. As demonstrated in Table 9, pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 40 mg and 20 mg were significantly superior to ranitidine at every timepoint with respect to the maintenance of healing. In addition, pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 40 mg was superior to all other treatments studied.

Table 9: Long-Term Maintenance of Healing of Erosive Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD Maintenance): Percentage of Patients Who Remained Healed

	Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets 20 mg daily n = 75	Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets 40 mg daily n = 74	Ranitidine 150 mg twice daily n = 75
Study 1			
Month 1	91*	99*	68
Month 3	82*	93*#	54
Month 6	76*	90*#	44
Month 12	70*	86*#	35
Study 2	n = 74	n = 88	n = 84
Month 1	89*	92*#	62
Month 3	78*	91*#	47
Month 6	72*	88*#	39
Month 12	72*	83*	37

* (p < 0.05 vs. ranitidine)

(p < 0.05 vs. pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 20 mg)

Note: Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 10 mg was superior (p < 0.05) to ranitidine in Study 2, but not Study 1.

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 40 mg was superior to ranitidine in reducing the number of daytime and nighttime heartburn episodes from the first through the twelfth month of treatment. Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets 20 mg, administered once daily, were also effective in reducing episodes of daytime and nighttime heartburn in one trial, as presented in Table 10.

Table 10: Number of Episodes of Heartburn (mean ± SD)

		Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets 40 mg daily	Ranitidine 150 mg twice daily
Month 1	Daytime	5.1 ± 1.6*	18.3 ± 1.6
	Nighttime	3.9 ± 1.1*	11.9 ± 1.1
Month 12	Daytime	2.9 ± 1.5*	17.5 ± 1.5
	Nighttime	2.5 ± 1.2*	13.8 ± 1.3

* (p < 0.001 vs. ranitidine, combined data from the two U.S. studies)

14.3 Pathological Hypersecretory Conditions Including Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome

In a multicenter, open-label trial of 35 patients with pathological hypersecretory conditions, such as Zollinger-Ellison syndrome, with or without multiple endocrine neoplasia-type I, pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets successfully controlled gastric acid secretion. Doses ranging from 80 mg daily to 240 mg daily maintained gastric acid output below 10 mEq/h in patients without prior acid-reducing surgery and below 5 mEq/h in patients with prior acid-reducing surgery.

Doses were initially titrated to the individual patient needs, and adjusted in some patients based on the clinical response with time [see *Dosage and Administration (2)*]. Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets were well tolerated at these dose levels for prolonged periods (greater than 2 years in some patients).

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

How Supplied

Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets USP, 20 mg are yellow colored, oval shaped, biconvex, enteric-coated tablets imprinted with 'I' and '51' with brown ink on one side and plain on other side.

Bottles of 90	NDC 65862-559-90
Bottles of 1000	NDC 65862-559-99
Cartons of 100 (10 x 10) Unit-dose Tablets	NDC 65862-559-10

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Storage

Store at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F). [See USP Controlled Room Temperature.]

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

See *FDA-Approved Patient Labeling*

- Caution patients that pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets should not be split, crushed, or chewed.
- Tell patients that pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets should be swallowed whole, with or without food in the stomach.
- Let patients know that concomitant administration of antacids does not affect the absorption of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets.
- Advise patients to immediately report and seek care for any cardiovascular or neurological symptoms including palpitation, dizziness, seizures, and tetany as these may be signs of hypomagnesemia [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].

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PATIENT INFORMATION

Pantoprazole Sodium Delayed-Release Tablets, USP

Read the Patient Information that comes with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets before you start taking them and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This leaflet does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment.

What are pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets?

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets are a prescription medicine called a proton pump inhibitor (PPI).
Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets are used in adults for:

- Up to 8 weeks for short-term treatment of acid-related damage to the lining of the esophagus (erosive esophagitis) caused by gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). If needed, your doctor may prescribe an additional 8 weeks of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets.
- Maintain healing of acid-related damage to the lining of the esophagus and helps prevent return of heartburn symptoms caused by GERD. Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets have not been studied for treatment lasting longer than 1 year.
- Treating a rare condition called Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome, where the stomach makes more than the normal amount of acid.

Information describing use in pediatric patients ages five years through 16 years old with erosive esophagitis associated with GERD is approved for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets. However, due to Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s marketing exclusivity rights, this drug product is not labeled with that pediatric information.

Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets are not for children under 5 years old.

Who should not take pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets?

Do not take pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets if you are:

- allergic to any of the ingredients in pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets.
- allergic to any proton pump inhibitor (PPI). If you do not know if your medicines are PPIs, please ask your doctor.

What should I tell my doctor before taking pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets?

Before taking pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, tell your doctor if you:

- have been told that you have low magnesium levels in your blood
- are pregnant, think you may be pregnant, or are planning to become pregnant. It is not known if pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets will harm your unborn baby. Talk to your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- are breastfeeding or planning to breastfeed. Pantoprazole sodium may pass into your milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you take pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets.

Tell your doctor about all of the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription drugs, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets may affect how other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets work. Especially tell your doctor if you take:

- Warfarin (Coumadin, Athrombin-K, Jantoven, Panwarfin)

- Ketoconazole (Nizoral)
- Atazanavir (Reyataz), Nelfinavir (Viracept)
- Iron supplements
- Ampicillin antibiotics
- Methotrexate

Ask your doctor if you are not sure if any of your medicines are the kind listed above.

How should I take pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets?

- Take pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets exactly as prescribed by your doctor.
- Do not change your dose or stop pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets without talking to your doctor.
- If you forget to take a dose of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, take them as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, do not take the missed dose. Take the next dose at your regular time. Do not take two doses to try to make up for a missed dose.
- If you take too much pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets, call your doctor right away.
- See the Patient Instructions for Use at the end of this leaflet for detailed instructions about how to take pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets.

What are the possible side effects of pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets?

- **Serious allergic reactions.** Tell your doctor if you get any of the following symptoms with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets.
 - rash
 - face swelling
 - throat tightness
 - difficult breathing
 - stomach lining weakening with long-term use
 - vitamin B-12 deficiency

Your doctor may stop pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets if these symptoms happen.

- **Low magnesium levels in your body.** This problem can be serious. Low magnesium can happen in some people who take a proton pump inhibitor medicine for at least 3 months. If low magnesium levels happen, it is usually after a year of treatment. You may or may not have symptoms of low magnesium.

Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these symptoms:

- seizures
- dizziness
- abnormal or fast heartbeat
- jitteriness
- jerking movements or shaking (tremors)
- muscle weakness
- spasms of the hands and feet
- cramps or muscle aches
- spasm of the voice box

Your doctor may check the level of magnesium in your body before you start taking pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets or during treatment; if you will be taking pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets for a long period of time.

The most common side effects with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets in adults include:

- Headache
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Gas
- Nausea
- Dizziness
- Stomach pain
- Pain in your joints

The most common side effects with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets in children include:

- Upper respiratory infection
- Vomiting
- Headache
- Rash
- Fever
- Stomach pain
- Diarrhea

People who are taking multiple daily doses of proton pump inhibitor medicines for a long period of time may have an increased risk of fractures of the hip, wrist or spine.

Tell your doctor about any side effects that bother you or that do not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects with pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets. Talk with your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets?

- Store pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets at room temperature between 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F).
- Keep pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General Information

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in the Patient Information leaflet. Do not use pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. They may harm them.

This Patient Information leaflet provides a summary of the most important information about pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets. For more information, ask your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information that is written for healthcare professionals.

For more information, call toll-free 1-866-850-2876.

What are the ingredients in pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets?

Active ingredient: pantoprazole sodium

Inactive ingredients: calcium stearate, crospovidone, ferric oxide, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hypromellose, mannitol, methacrylic acid copolymer dispersion, sodium carbonate, and triethyl citrate. The tablets are imprinted with brown ink containing ammonium

hydroxide, iron oxide black, iron oxide red, iron oxide yellow, isopropyl alcohol, N-butyl alcohol, propylene glycol, and shellac glaze in ethanol.

Patient Instructions for Use

- You can take pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets with food or on an empty stomach.
- Swallow pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets whole.
- If you have trouble swallowing a pantoprazole sodium delayed-release 40 mg tablet, you can take two 20 mg tablets instead.
- Do not split, chew, or crush pantoprazole sodium delayed-release tablets.

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Pantoprazole Sodium

Delayed-Release Tablets, USP

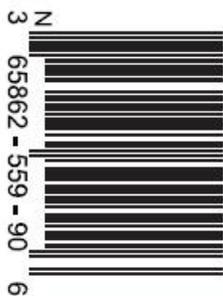
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PHARMACIST: Dispense the patient information leaflet with the drug product.

Rx only

90 Tablets

AUROBINDO



*Each delayed-release tablet contains: Pantoprazole sodium USP equivalent to pantoprazole 20 mg.

Usual Dosage: See accompanying information.

Tablets must not be split, chewed, or crushed before administration.

Store at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F). [See USP Controlled Room Temperature.]

Preserve in well-closed containers.

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Delayed-Release Tablets, USP

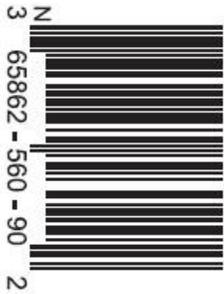
20 mg*

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Rx only

100 (10 x 10) Unit-dose Tablets

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*Each delayed-release tablet contains: Pantoprazole sodium USP equivalent to pantoprazole 40 mg.

Usual Dosage: See accompanying information.

Tablets must not be split, chewed, or crushed before administration.

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Preserve in well-closed containers.

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PACKAGE LABEL-PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL - 40 MG BLISTER CARTON (10 X 10 UNIT-DOSE)

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**Pantoprazole Sodium
Delayed-Release Tablets, USP**

40 mg*

PHARMACIST: Dispense the patient information leaflet with the drug product.

Rx only

100 (10 x 10) Unit-dose Tablets

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