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Prescribing Information

Indications Sensitive bacterial infections of the lower respiratory, urinary and genital tracts, sinusitis, otitis media, skin infections, septicaemia, typhoid and paratyphoid fevers, and other infections caused by sensitive organisms.

Dosage Septrin Forte Tablets. Adults and children over 12 years: 1 forte tablet twice daily. Maximum dosage for particularly severe infections 1½ forte tablets twice daily. In acute infections Septrin should be given for a minimum of five days or until the patient has been symptom-free for two days.

Contra-indications Septrin is contra-indicated in

patients with marked liver parenchymal damage, blood dyscrasias or severe renal insufficiency.

Septrin should not be given to patients hypersensitive to sulphonamides, trimethoprim or co-trimoxazole; should not be given during pregnancy or to neonates.

Precautions In renal impairment a reduced dosage is indicated and an adequate urinary output should be maintained. Regular blood counts are necessary whenever long-term therapy is used. Caution is advised in patients with folate deficiency. Care should be taken when giving Septrin to patients receiving oral anticoagulants of the coumarin group, pyrimethamine or sulphonylureas.

Adverse Reactions Occasionally, nausea, vomiting, glossitis and skin rashes may occur with normal doses and, very rarely, haematological reactions.

Presentation Septrin Forte Tablets each contain 160mg Trimethoprim BP and 800mg Sulphamethoxazole BP.

Basic NHS cost £1.47 for 10. PL3/0121.

Septrin^{*} Forte 1b.d. co-trimoxazole

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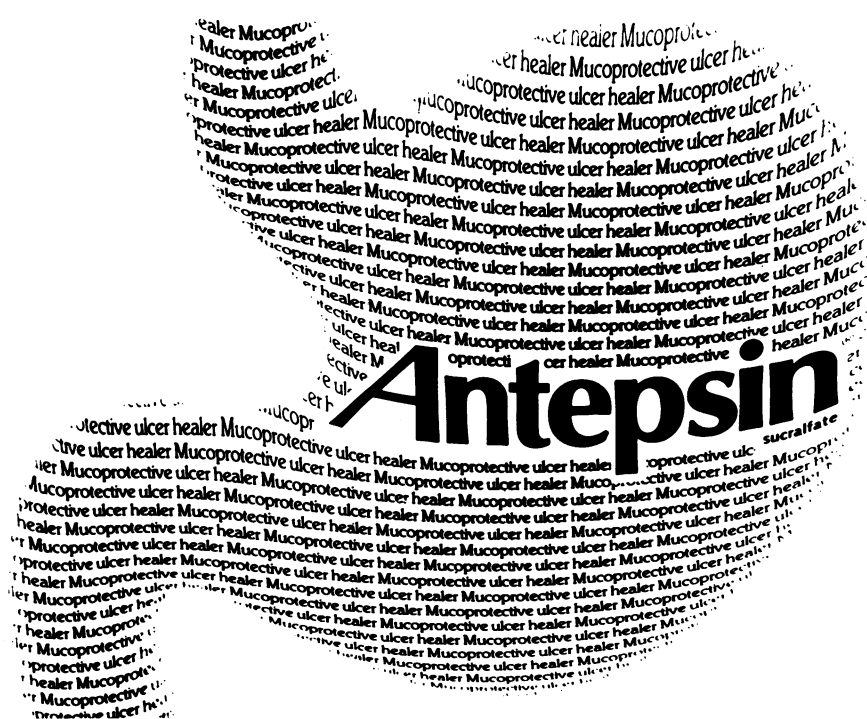


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Prescribing Information

Presentation Antepsin Tablets 1 gram are white, oblong, biconvex, uncoated tablets scored and embossed 1239 on one side and Ayerst on the other. Each tablet contains 1 gram sucralfate. **Uses** For the treatment of duodenal ulcer, gastric ulcer and chronic gastritis. **Dosage and Administration** For oral administration. **Adults** – Usual dose 1 gram 4 times a day. Maximum daily dose 8 grams. Four to six weeks treatment is usually needed for ulcer healing but up to twelve weeks may be necessary

in resistant cases. Antacids may be used as required for relief of pain. **Contra-indications, Precautions, Warnings, etc.** **Contra-Indications** There are no known contra-indications. **Precautions** 1. Concomitant administration with some oral anti-infectives such as tetracyclines may interfere with absorption of the latter. 2. The product should only be used with caution in patients with renal dysfunction. 3. As with all medicines, Antepsin should not be used in early pregnancy unless considered essential. **Side Effects** A low incidence of mild side effects, e.g. constipation, has been reported.

Legal Category POM. **Package Quantities** Antepsin 1 gram – Securitainers of 100. **Pharmaceutical Precautions** No special requirements for storage are necessary. **Product Licence Numbers** PL No. 0607/0045 PA No. 149/4/2. **Basic N.H.S. Price** Average daily cost 50p.



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Amoxil capsules: 250mg and 500mg

PL0038/0103/5

▼ Amoxil dispersible tablets: 500mg

PL0038/0277

▼ Amoxil 3g sachet: PL0038/0238

▼ Amoxil vials for injection: 250mg,

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Dosage

Children's Dosage (up to 10 years)

Oral: 125mg three times a day.

In severe infections doses should be doubled.

Injectable: 50-100mg/kg bodyweight per day in divided doses.

Adult Dosage

Oral: 250mg three times a day.

In severe infections doses should be doubled.

Injectable: 500mg IM 8 hourly (or more frequently if necessary) in moderate infections. 1g IV 6 hourly in severe infections.

Contra-Indications

Amoxil is a penicillin and should not be given to penicillin hypersensitive patients. Side-effects, as with other penicillins, are usually of a mild and transitory nature: they may include diarrhoea or indigestion. Occasionally a rash may occur, in which case treatment should be discontinued. Since Amoxil is a penicillin, problems of overdosage are unlikely to be encountered.

Further information on Amoxil (amoxycillin) is available from:

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Presentation

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Contra-indications

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Licence Numbers

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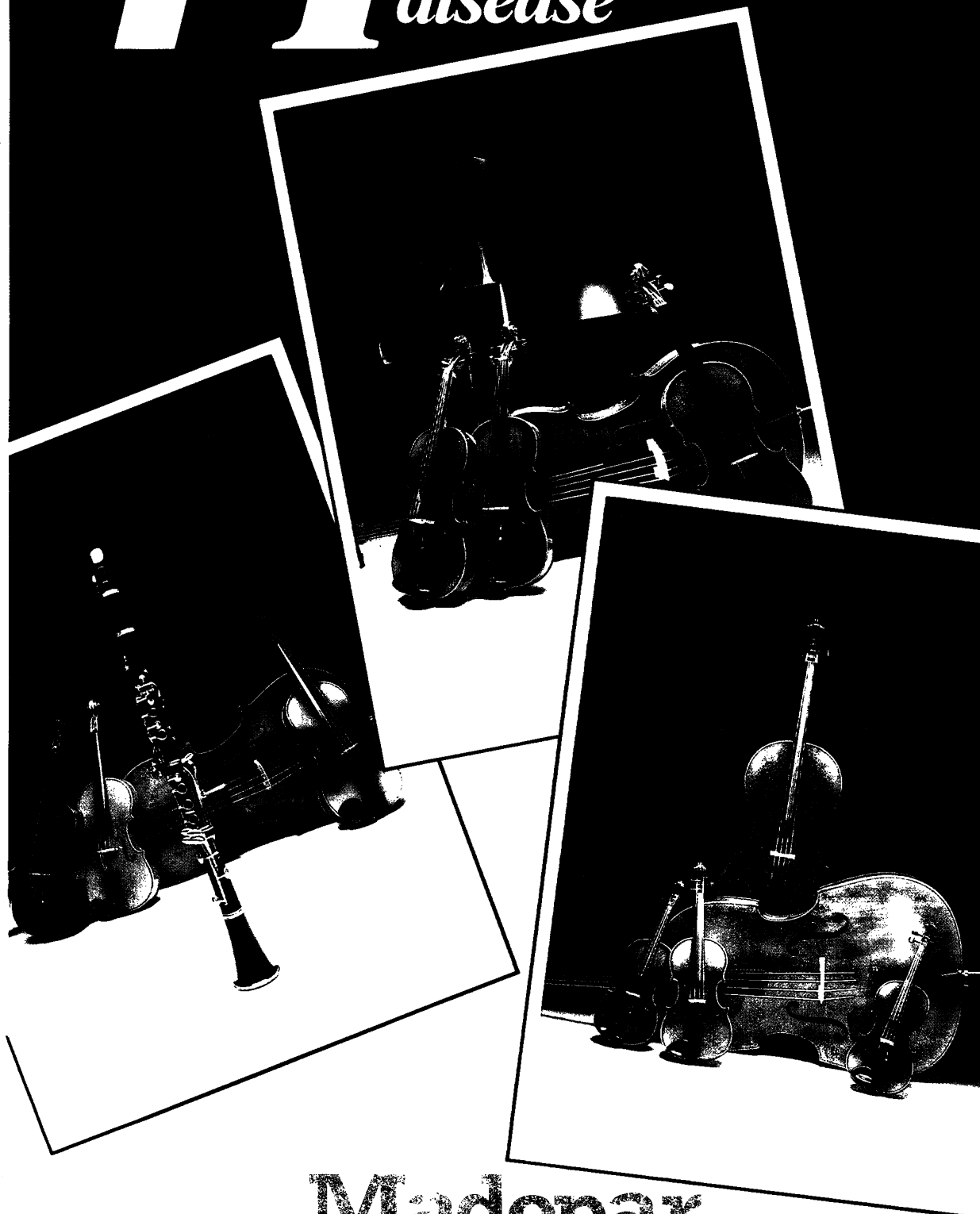
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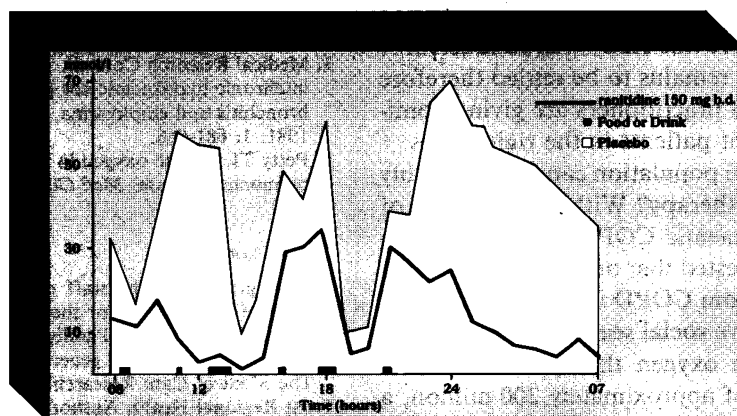
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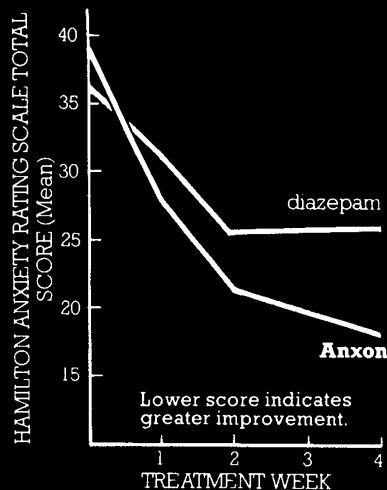
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Indications

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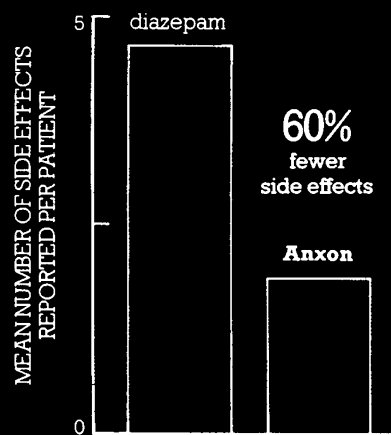
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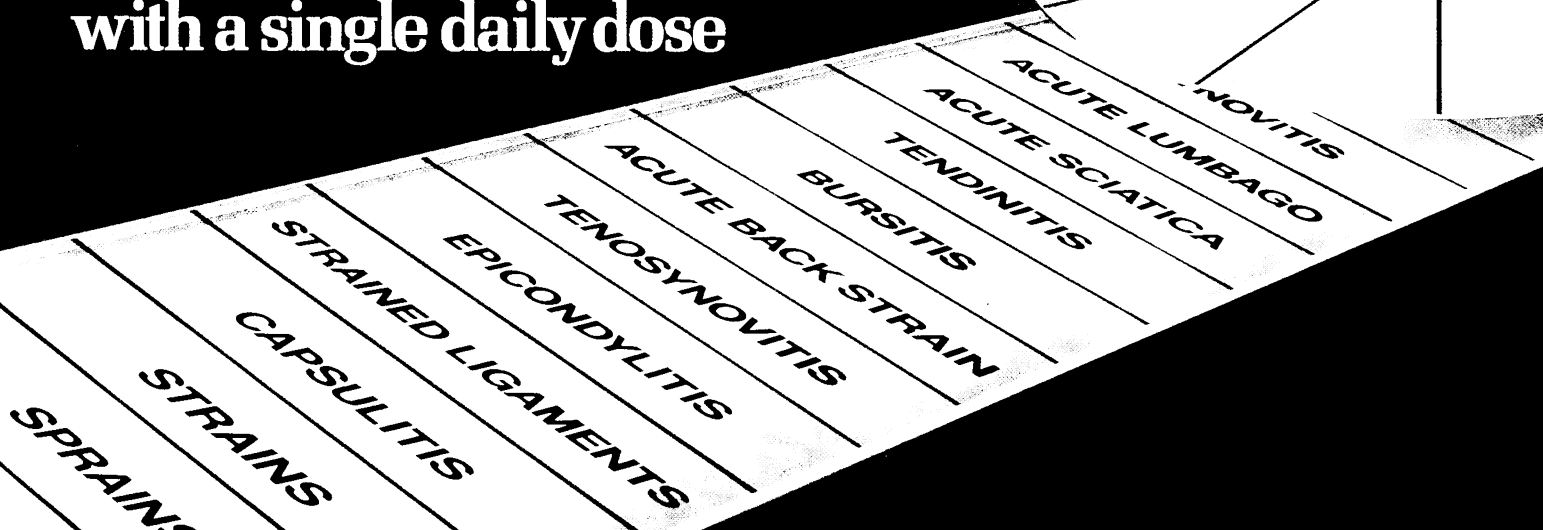
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Basic N.H.S. Cost:
capsules 10 mg coded FEL 10, pack of 60 £9.00 (PL 0057/0145). Full information on request.

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