

# ...to cimetidine



“Cimetidine/Tagamet remains the drug of first choice both for symptomatic relief and for ulcer healing.”

## Tagamet

cimetidine

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puts you in control of gastric acid

Reference: 1. Gazzard B. Do any drugs actually cure ulcers? General Practitioner 1983; January 28: 44.

#### Prescribing Information

**Presentations** - Tagamet Tablets, PL 0002/0092, each containing 400 mg cimetidine, 56, £16.61. Tagamet Tablets, PL 0002/0063, each containing 200 mg cimetidine, 500, £74.15. Tagamet Syrup, PL 0002/0073, containing 200 mg cimetidine per 5 ml, 200 ml, £8.17. **Indications** - Duodenal ulcer, benign gastric ulcer, recurrent and stomal ulceration, oesophageal reflux disease. Other conditions where reduction of gastric acid is beneficial: prophylaxis of stress-induced gastrointestinal haemorrhage and of acid aspiration (Mendelson's) syndrome, malabsorption and fluid loss in short bowel syndrome, Zollinger-Ellison syndrome. **Dosage** - Usual dosage. Adults. Duodenal ulcer, 400 mg b.d. with breakfast and at bedtime, or 200 mg t.d.s. with meals and 400 mg at bedtime (1.0 g/day) for at least 4 weeks. To prevent relapse, 400 mg at

bedtime or 400 mg morning and at bedtime for at least 6 months. Benign gastric ulcer, 200 mg t.d.s. with meals and 400 mg at bedtime (1.0 g/day) for at least 6 weeks. Oesophageal reflux disease, 400 mg t.d.s. with meals and 400 mg at bedtime (1.6 g/day) for 4 to 8 weeks. Prophylaxis of stress-induced gastrointestinal haemorrhage, up to 2 g a day, divided, to maintain intragastric pH above 4. Prophylaxis of acid aspiration syndrome, 400 mg 90-120 mins before induction of general anaesthesia. 400 mg at start of labour then 200 mg 2-hourly as necessary, maximum 1.6 g. Do not use Tagamet syrup. Zollinger-Ellison syndrome, up to 400 mg q.i.d., rarely up to 2 g a day. Recurrent and stomal ulceration and short

bowel syndrome, 200 mg t.d.s. and 400 mg at bedtime (1.0 g/day). N.B. For full dosage instructions see Data Sheet. **Cautions** - Impaired renal function: reduce dosage (see Data Sheet). Potentiation of oral anticoagulants, phenytoin and theophylline (see Data Sheet). Prolonged treatment: observe patients periodically. Exclude malignancy in gastric ulcer. Care in patients with compromised bone marrow (see Data Sheet). Avoid during pregnancy and lactation. **Adverse reactions** - Diarrhoea, dizziness, rash, tiredness. Rarely, mild gynecomastia, reversible liver damage, confusional states (usually in the elderly or very ill), interstitial nephritis, acute pancreatitis. **Legal category** - POM. 21.7.83

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1. Wien.klin.Wschr., 1979, 91, 240

## WHEN ANXIETY GETS OUT OF PROPORTION

# **NEW** LEXOTAN

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## CUTS IT DOWN TO SIZE

### Prescribing Information

**Indications** Short-term treatment of anxiety and associated symptoms such as tension and agitation.

**Dosage** Dosage should be determined on an individual basis. Some patients may respond to doses as low as 1.5mg three times daily. Usual dose for mild to moderate anxiety is 3mg to 6mg three times daily. Elderly patients are more sensitive to the actions of Lexotan. The safety of Lexotan for use in the elderly has not been established and therefore its use should be avoided. **Contra-indications** Patients with known sensitivity to benzodiazepines; acute pulmonary insufficiency; respiratory depression. **Precautions** Use during pregnancy and lactation should be avoided. Patients should be

advised to avoid alcohol whilst under treatment with Lexotan. Patients' reactions, e.g. driving ability, may be modified. Sedative effects of other centrally-acting drugs may be intensified. The use of high doses of benzodiazepines, especially over prolonged periods, can sometimes lead to dependence, particularly in patients with a history of alcoholism or drug abuse. Treatment in these cases should be withdrawn gradually. **Side-effects** Drowsiness, sedation, unsteadiness and ataxia may occur. They usually disappear after the first few days of treatment or with reduction of dosage. **Presentation** Pink, hexagonal tablets containing 3mg of bromazepam in blister packings of 100. **Basic NHS Cost** Lexotan 3mg tablets in packings of 100 £6.25 **Product licence number** 0031/0128



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## Septtrin b.d.

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### Prescribing Information

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

**Dosage:** *Septtrin Forte Tablets:* over 12 years, one twice daily. *Septtrin Tablets/Septtrin Dispersible Tablets:* over 12 years, two twice daily; children 6 to 12 years, one twice daily. *Septtrin Suspensions:* over 12 years, 10ml Adult twice daily; children 6 to 12 years, 10ml Paediatric twice daily; 6 months to 6 years, 5ml Paediatric twice daily; 6 weeks to 6 months, 2.5ml Paediatric twice daily.

**Contra-indications:** Septtrin is contra-indicated in patients with marked liver parenchymal damage, blood dyscrasias or severe renal insufficiency. Septtrin should not be given to patients hypersensitive to sulphonamides or co-trimoxazole; should not be given during pregnancy or to neonates.

**Precautions:** In cases of renal impairment a reduced dosage is indicated and an adequate urinary output should be maintained.

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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 Septtrin to patients receiving oral anti-coagulants of the coumarin group, pyrimethamine, sulphonylureas, or phenytoin.

**Warnings and Adverse Effects:** Occasionally nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, glossitis and skin rashes may occur with normal doses and, very rarely, haematological reactions.

Further information is available on request.

**Wellcome Medical Division**  
The Wellcome Foundation Ltd, Crewe, Cheshire.



1. Gower, P.E. and Tasker, P.R.W. (1976), *Brit. Med. J.*, 1, 684. Double-blind comparison of Septtrin with cephalixin in 93 women with acute UTI. After two weeks, 96% of Septtrin-treated patients were infection-free, compared with 68% of cephalixin-treated patients.

### Presentations:

	Product Licence	Formulation	Basic NHS Cost
Septtrin Forte Tablets	PL3/0121	160mg Trimethoprim BP 800mg Sulphamethoxazole BP	£1.90 for 10
Septtrin Tablets	PL3/0109	80mg TMP 400mg SMX	£2.27 for 20
Septtrin Dispersible Tablets	PL3/0099	80mg TMP 400mg SMX	£2.42 for 20
Septtrin Adult Suspension	PL3/5223	80mg TMP 400mg SMX in 5ml	£3.22 for 100ml
Septtrin Paediatric Suspension	PL3/5222	40mg TMP 200mg SMX in 5ml	£2.00 for 100ml
Septtrin Paediatric Tablets	PL3/0108	20mg TMP 100mg SMX	£0.69 for 20

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The original tamoxifen from ICI

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**Presentation**

Madopar contains a combination of levodopa and the decarboxylase inhibitor benserazide in the ratio of 4:1. Madopar 62.5 capsules containing 50mg levodopa and 14.25mg benserazide hydrochloride (equivalent to 12.5mg of the base). Madopar 125 capsules containing 100mg levodopa and 28.5mg benserazide hydrochloride (equivalent to 25mg of the base). Madopar 250 capsules containing 200mg levodopa and 57mg benserazide hydrochloride (equivalent to 50mg of the base).

**Indications**

Parkinsonism — idiopathic, post-encephalitic.

**Dosage**

Dosage is variable and the data sheet should be consulted for full details. The effective daily dose usually lies between four and eight capsules of Madopar 125 (two to four capsules of Madopar 250) daily in divided doses, most patients requiring no more than six capsules of Madopar 125 daily. In some elderly patients initial treatment with one capsule of Madopar 62.5 once or twice daily, increasing by one capsule every third or fourth day may suffice. Patients who experience fluctuations in response may also benefit from administration of smaller more frequent doses using Madopar 62.5.

**Contra-indications**

Narrow-angle glaucoma, severe psychoneuroses or psychoses. It should not be given: in conjunction with monoamine oxidase inhibitors or within two weeks of their withdrawal; to patients under 25 years of age; to pregnant women; or to patients who have a history of, or who may be suffering from, a malignant melanoma.

**Precautions**

Drugs which interfere with central amine mechanisms should be avoided. Endocrine, renal, pulmonary or cardiovascular disease, hepatic disorder, peptic ulcer, osteoporosis, sympathomimetic drugs, antihypertensive drugs. Patients who improve on Madopar therapy should be advised to resume normal activities gradually as rapid mobilisation may increase the risk of injury.

**Side-effects**

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**Packings**

Madopar 62.5 capsules, Madopar 125 capsules and Madopar 250 capsules in packings of 100.

**Licence Numbers**

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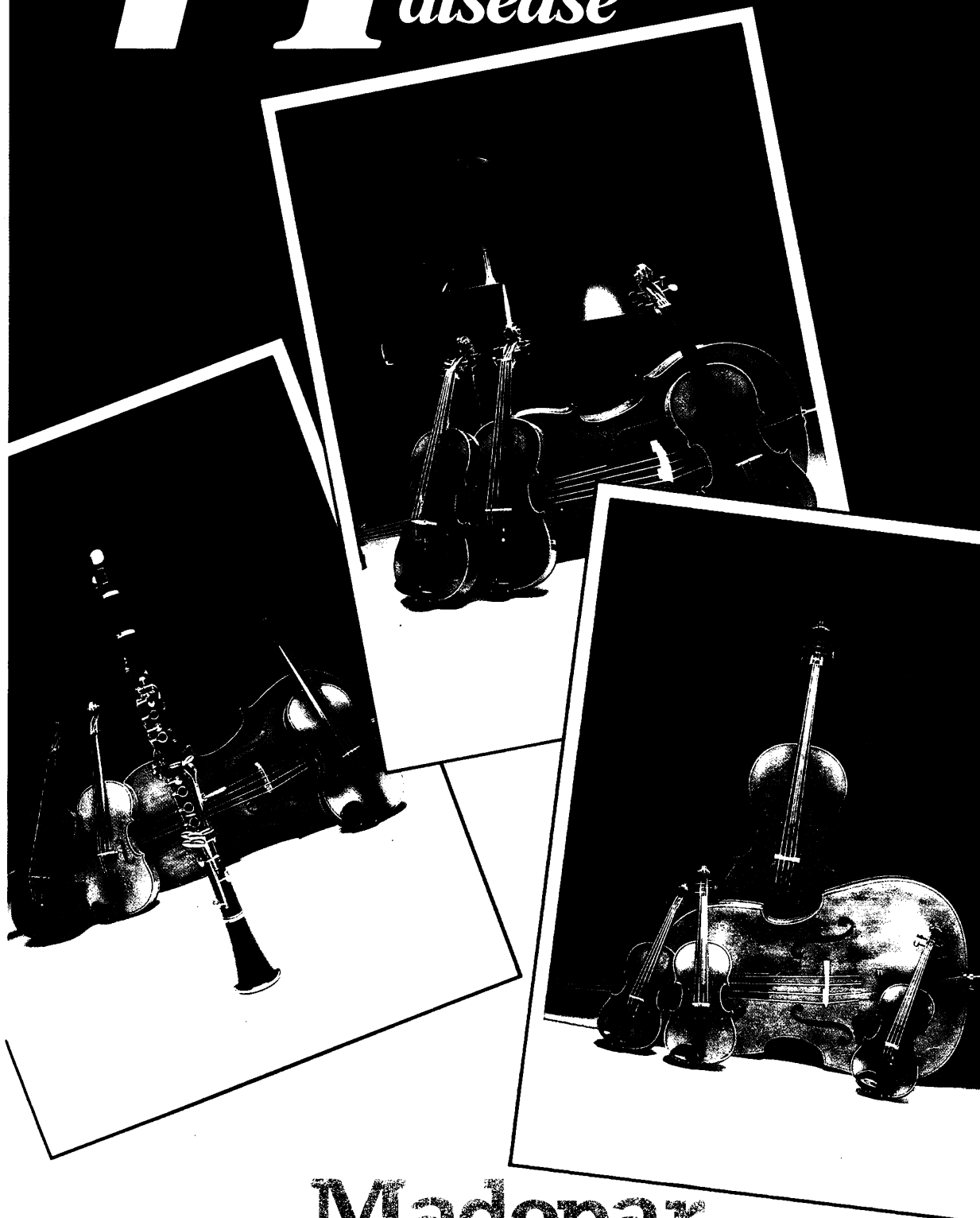
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## Madopar

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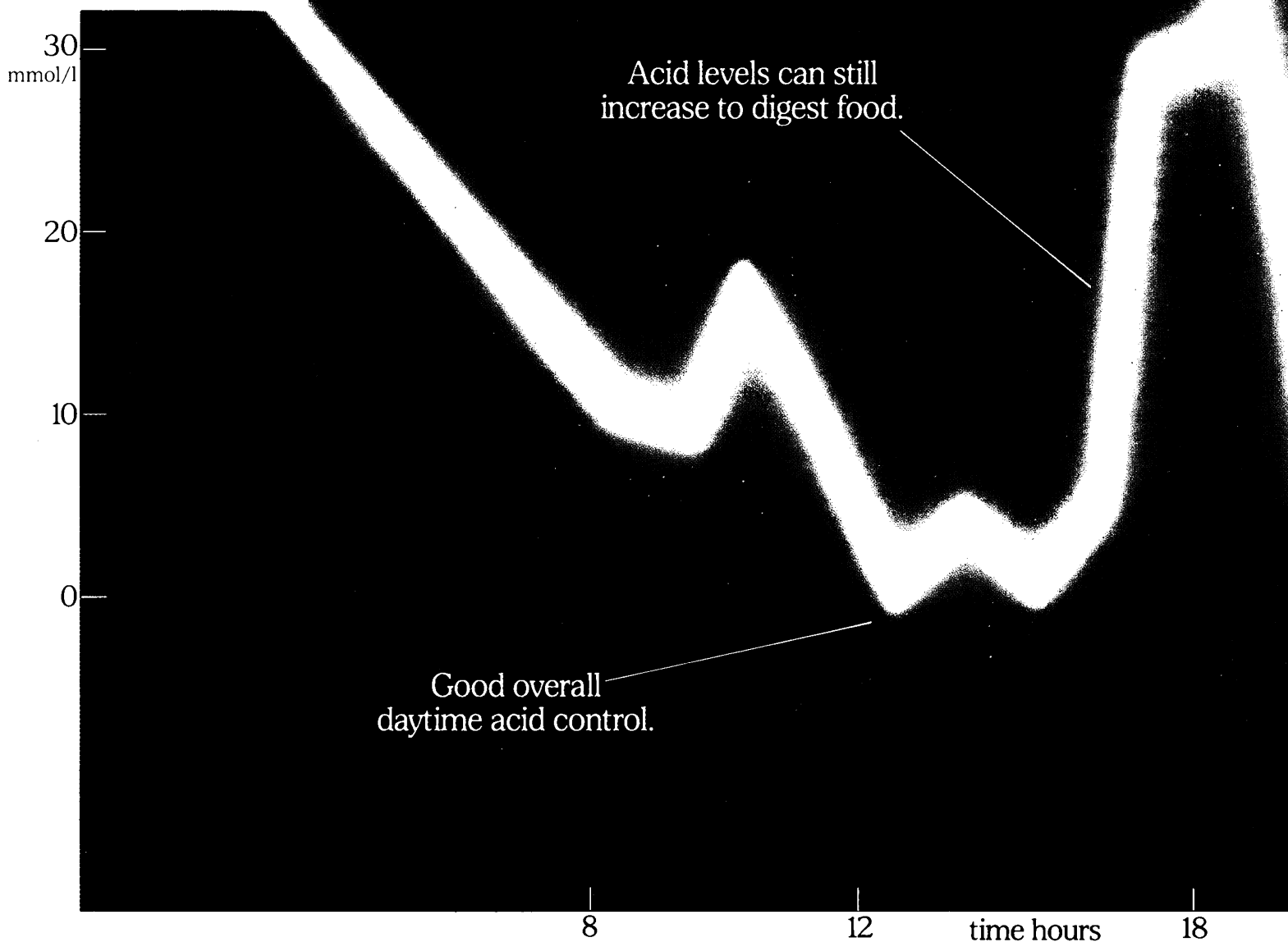
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Reference: 1. Derived from Walt, R. P. *et al.* Gut 1981; 22: 49-54

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# Effective in acute as well as chronic conditions

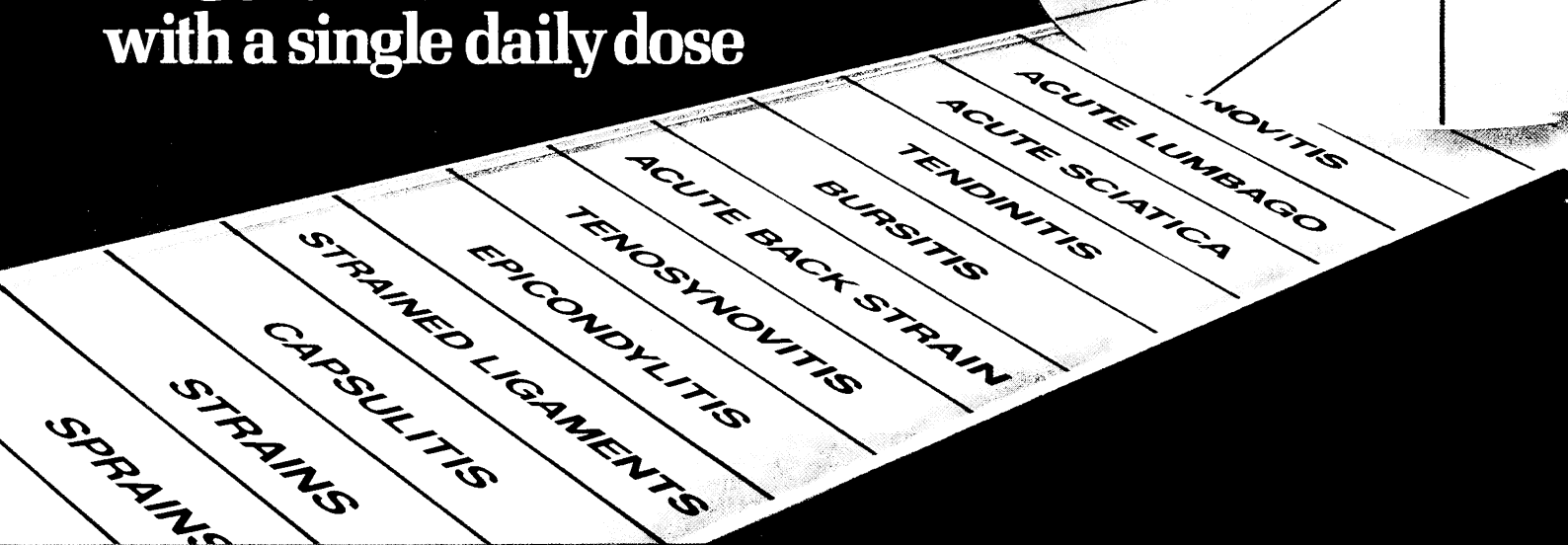
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**Contraindications:** patients with active peptic ulceration or a history of recurrent ulceration. Hypersensitivity to the drug or in patients in whom aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs induce symptoms of asthma, rhinitis or urticaria.

**Warnings:** the safety of Feldene used during pregnancy and lactation has not yet been established. Dosage recommendations and indications for use in children have also not yet been established.  
**Side Effects:** Feldene is generally well tolerated. Gastro-intestinal symptoms are the most common, if peptic ulceration or gastrointestinal bleeding occurs Feldene should be withdrawn. As with other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, oedema mainly ankle oedema has been reported in a small percentage of patients; the possibility of precipitation of

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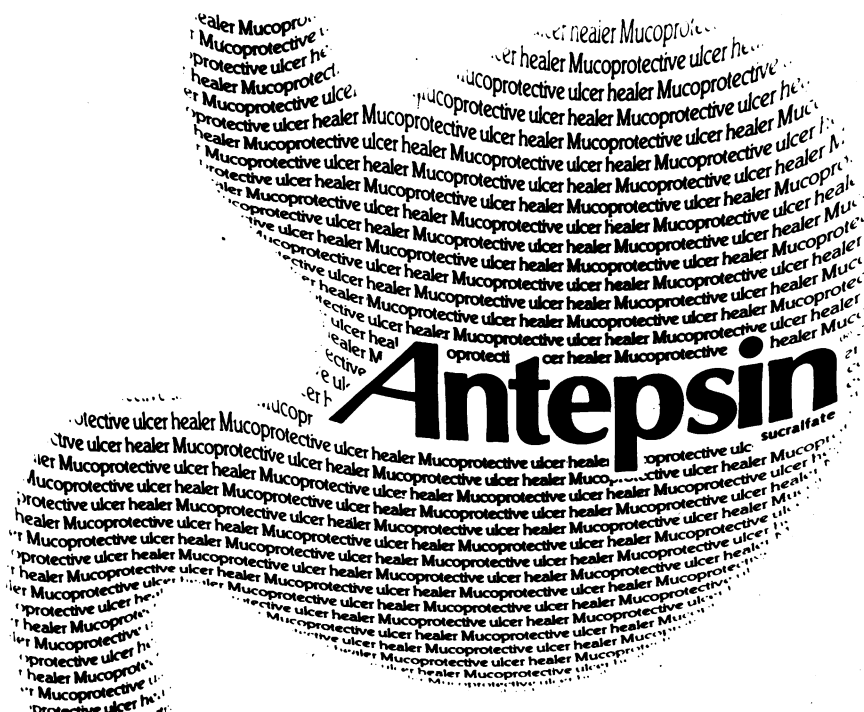
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**Basic N.H.S. Cost:** capsules 10 mg coded FEL 10, pack of 60 £9.00 (PL 0057/0145). Full information on request.  
**References:**  
1. Hess, H., et al., Excerpta Medica, Proceedings of Symposium, Malaga, 1980, 73.  
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3. Nussdorf, R.T., Piroxicam: Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1978, 93-95.  
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### Prescribing Information

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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

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PL0038/0277

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##### Dosage

**Children's Dosage (up to 10 years)**

Oral: 125mg three times a day.

In severe infections doses should

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Injectable: 50-100mg/kg bodyweight

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Oral: 250mg three times a day.

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Injectable: 500mg IM 8 hourly (or more

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##### Contra-Indications

Amoxil is a penicillin and should not

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### Prescribing information

**Presentation** Isordil Tembids capsules, containing isosorbide dinitrate 40mg in a sustained release formulation, are gelatin capsules with a colourless, transparent body and opaque blue cap for oral administration.

**Uses** Prophylaxis of angina pectoris.

**Dosage and Administration** Usual dosage — one Tembids capsule twice a day. Maximum recommended dose — one Tembids capsule three times a day.

**Contra-Indications, Warnings, etc.**

**Contra-Indications** Idiosyncrasy to this drug.

**Precautions** Tolerance to this drug, and cross-tolerance to other nitrates, and nitrites may occur.

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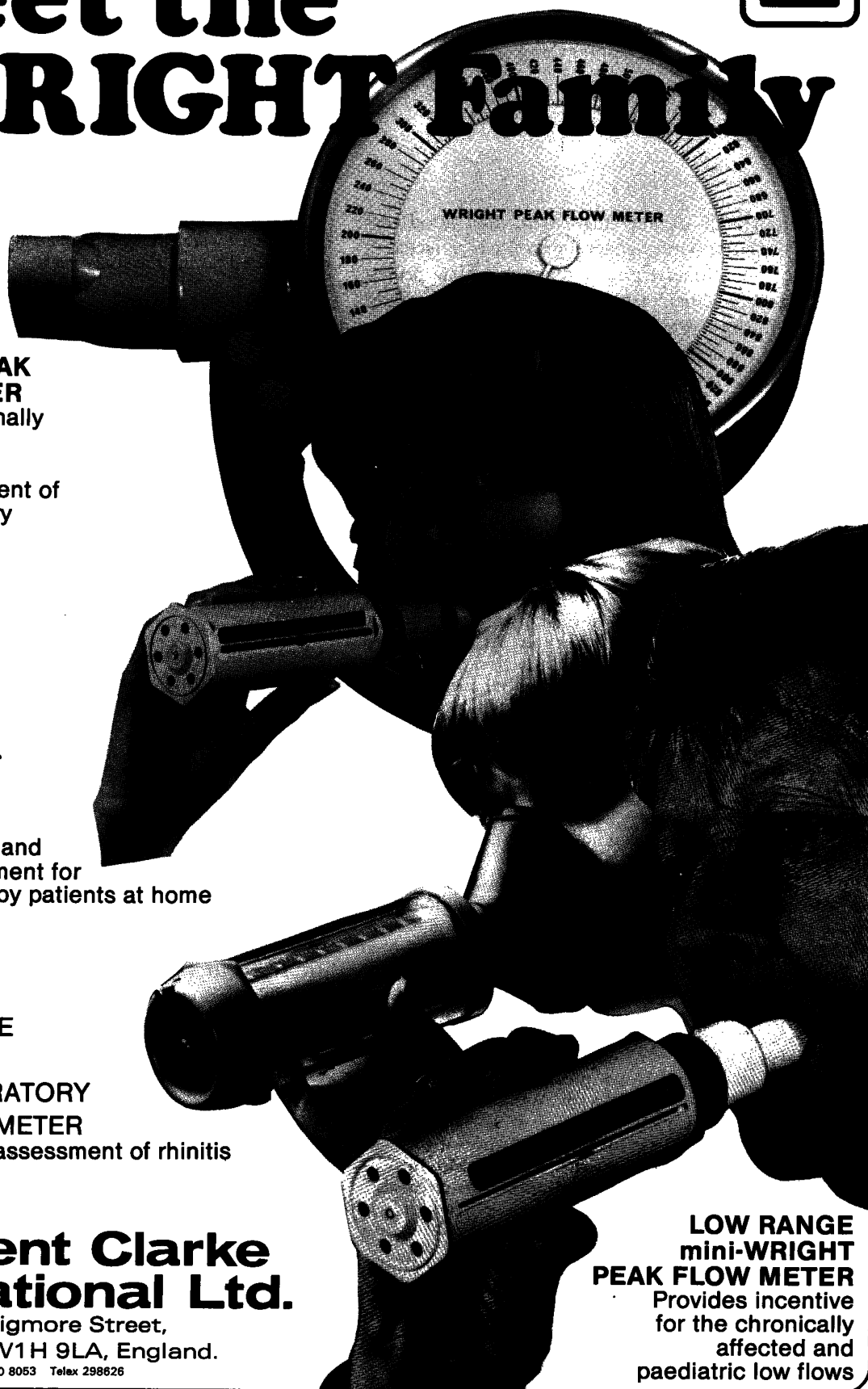
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