

'Tagamet': the new indication

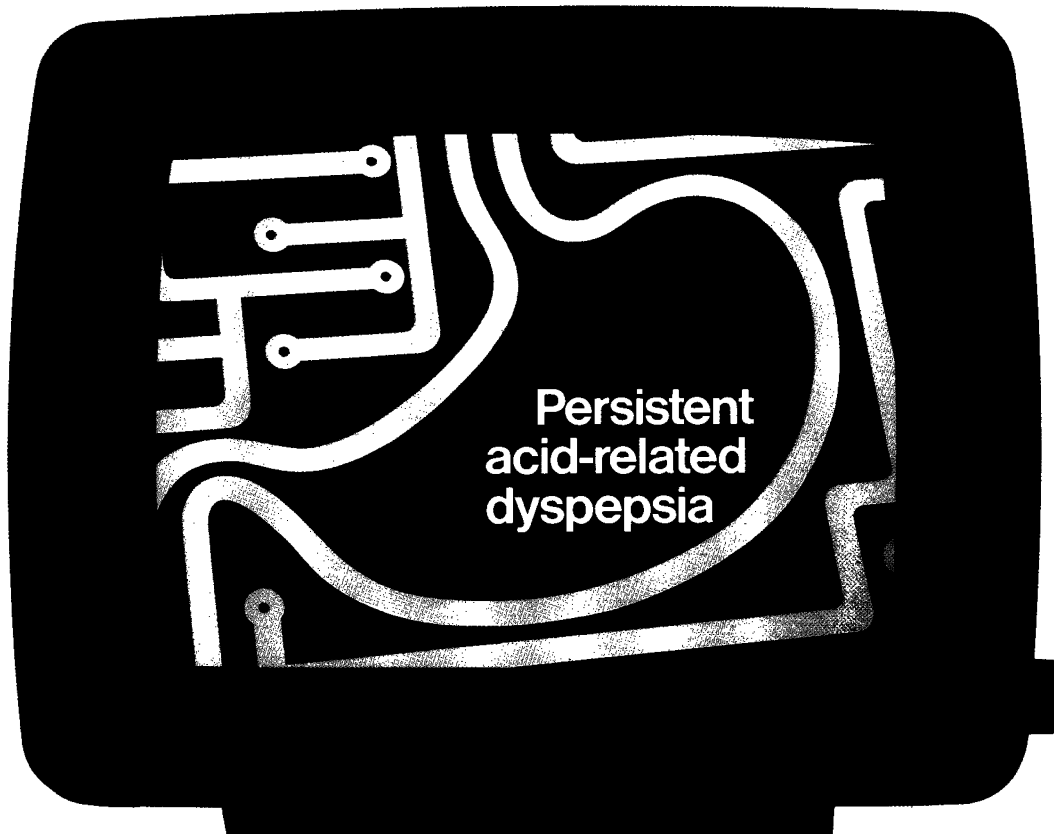
The remarkable symptomatic relief of peptic ulcer pain noted with 'Tagamet' therapy can now be extended to selected dyspepsia patients.

'Tagamet' is now indicated for persistent dyspepsia, particularly meal-related upper abdominal pain, in those

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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. 500 ml, £20.43. **Indications** Duodenal ulcer, benign gastric ulcer, recurrent and stomal ulceration, oesophageal reflux disease. Other conditions where reduction of gastric acid is beneficial: persistent dyspeptic symptoms, particularly meal-related; 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 Adults.** *Oral.* Usual dosage, 400 mg b.d. with breakfast and at bedtime, or, in duodenal ulcer, 800 mg once a day at bedtime. Alternatively 200 mg t.d.s. with meals and 400 mg at bedtime (1.0 g/day) or, if inadequate, 400 mg q.d.s. with meals and at bedtime (1.6 g/day). Treat for at least 4 weeks (6 weeks in benign gastric ulcer). To prevent relapse of peptic ulcer, 400 mg at bedtime or 400 mg morning and at bedtime. *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 2.4 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; up to this dose repeated (parenterally if appropriate) as required if operation is prolonged. 400 mg at start of labour then 200 mg 2-hourly as necessary, suggested maximum 1.6 g. Do not use 'Tagamet' syrup. *Zollinger-Ellison syndrome,* 1.6 g or more a day, divided. *N.B.* Usual maximum 2.4 g/day. *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. Potential delay in diagnosis of gastric cancer (see Data Sheet). Care in patients with compromised bone marrow (see Data Sheet). Avoid during pregnancy and lactation. **Adverse reactions** Diarrhoea, dizziness, rash, tiredness. Rarely, mild gynaecomastia, reversible liver damage, confusional states (usually in the elderly or very ill), interstitial nephritis, acute pancreatitis. **Legal category** POM. 11.5.84.

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