

DRUG NAME: CYCLOSPORINE Soft Gelatin Capsules (modified)

MANUFACTURER: Sidmak Laboratories, Inc.

INDICATIONS FOR USE: To Prevent or Treat organ rejection in transplant patients. It is also used in certain patients with arthritis or psoriasis.

In order to assist you with your patient counseling we recommend the use of the following Patient Advisory Label(s) when you dispense *Cyclosporine*:

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Research: Package insert states the medication may be taken without regards to the intake of food. However, the package insert reports side effects of stomach upset, nausea or cramping. Taking this medication with a slice of bread, a few crackers or a snack will help to reduce the stomach upset.

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Research: This label is considered the “universal” counseling label that informs the patient to follow the physician’s instructions in order to obtain the desired therapeutic outcome.

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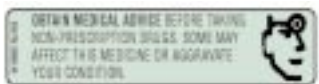
Research: Water is usually recommended with all medications. It helps to dissolve the gelatin capsule and increases activity of the drug and also reduces the chance of stomach upset.

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Research: It is reported in the literature that this medication can cause fetal and neonatal issues.

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Research: This label is indicated when there is potential for drug-drug interactions with a nonprescription drug product, or a nonprescription drug product may adversely effect the course of therapy.

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References available upon request.

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Be sure to read all this information and contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions that are not answered here.

THIS MEDICATION IS USED:

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PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION:

- Take this medication at the same time every day. **DO NOT** miss any doses. For this medication to work properly, there must be a constant level in your body.
- This medication may be taken with or without food. Take each dose with a full glass of water (4 ounces). **DO NOT** take with grapefruit juice.
- This medicine should be swallowed whole. **DO NOT CHEW, CRUSH, or GRIND** up this medicine without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER:

- This medication may cause stomach upset, nausea or cramping. You may take this medicine with crackers, bread or a snack to reduce the chance of stomach upset.
- **DO NOT** use this medicine if pregnant, planning to become pregnant or breastfeeding. Consult with your doctor.
- **DO NOT** use any non-prescription drugs such as diet pills; cough; cold or allergy medicines without first talking with your doctor or pharmacist. Some may affect this medicine or aggravate your condition.
- Advise your physician and pharmacist if you are taking any other prescription medication. Many medications can affect the action of this medication.
- **KEEP** in a cool, dry place. **DO NOT** keep in your bathroom medicine cabinet or a cabinet above the stove. Heat or moisture may cause the medication to break down.
- **KEEP** all medicines out of the reach of children.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS:

Stomach upset, nausea, cramps, diarrhea or headache. Other possible side effects may include high blood pressure, acne, tremor, increased hair growth on the face and body, swollen or inflamed gums.

MISSED DOSE INSTRUCTIONS:

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible. **BUT** if it is almost time for the next dose, **DO NOT** take the missed dose or **DO NOT DOUBLE** the next dose. Instead, continue with your regular dosing schedule.