

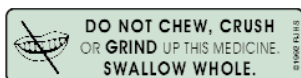
DRUG NAME: PROTONIX (pantoprazole sodium) 40 mg delayed release tablets

MANUFACTURER: Wyeth-Ayerst

INDICATIONS FOR USE: For the Short-Term Treatment of Erosive Esophagitis Associated with Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD).

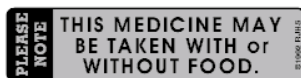
In order to assist you with your patient counseling we recommend the use of the following Patient Advisory Label(s) when you dispense *Protonix*:

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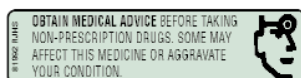
Research: The package insert states: "Patients should be cautioned that Protonix Delayed-Release Tablets should not be split, crushed or chewed." The extended effect will be diminished

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Research: "Administration of pantoprazole with food may delay its absorption up to 2 hours or longer; however, the Cmax and the extent of pantoprazole absorption (AUC) are not altered. Thus, pantoprazole may be taken without regard to timing of meals."

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Research: This label is suggested due to the concern that a patient may be taking other OTC H2RAs such as Axid AR, Pepcid AC, Tagamet, and Zantac.

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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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References available upon request.

To obtain Labels or other Patient Counseling Information:



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PROTONIX (pantoprazole)

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:

To treat certain types of ulcers and conditions in which the stomach produces too much acid.

PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION:

- Take this medication exactly as your doctor has instructed.
- Take this medication once daily, usually in the morning, as directed by your doctor with a full glass of water.
- This medication should be swallowed whole. **DO NOT CHEW, CRUSH, or GRIND** up this medicine.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER:

- Call your doctor if your stomach pain continues or becomes worse.
- If stomach pain occurs between doses, ask your doctor or pharmacist about taking an antacid such as Mylanta or Maalox.
- Follow the diet your doctor has outlined. Alcoholic beverages, certain foods and medications (including aspirin and ibuprofen) may irritate the stomach.
- This medication may cause dizziness or lightheadedness. **DO NOT** drive a car, operate dangerous machinery or participate in activities that require you to be alert or clear-headed.
- **DO NOT** stop your medication abruptly or change the amount taken without first talking with your doctor or pharmacist.
- Talk with your doctor or pharmacist before taking a Non-Prescription drug. Some may affect this medicine or aggravate your condition.
- **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:

Headache, dizziness, lightheadedness, diarrhea or constipation, nausea, vomiting, rash.

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.