Rabeprazole tablets are and what they are used for

Rabeprazole tablets are used for:
- Heartburn - usually caused by too much stomach acid leading to symptoms such as a burning sensation in the chest, pain in the middle of your chest, just behind the breastbone, heartburn, or a feeling rising from the stomach or lower chest up towards the neck. Rabeprazole tablets may also be used for the symptomatic treatment of moderate to severe gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD).
- Ulcers in the oesophagus, stomach, or duodenum.
- Duodenal ulcer and benign gastric ulcer.
- Adult and Elderly peptic ulcer disease.
- Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome.
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) caused by a tumour in the oesophagus.
- Moderate to severe gastroesophageal reflux disease (GORD) in children 12 years old and over.

How to take Rabeprazole tablets

Take this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist recommends. Do not change the way you take this medicine.

If you forget to take Rabeprazole tablets

If you forget to take a tablet, take it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next tablet, take only one tablet. If you take two tablets, this may affect the way the medicine works.

If you take more than you are recommended

Do not take more than the recommended dose. If you take too much Rabeprazole tablets, talk to your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible.

Possible side effects

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• Headache
• Tenderness, as rabeprazole has been associated with bone tenderness, especially in the hip, wrist or spine. Tell your doctor if you have tenderness in these areas.

Other medicines and Rabeprazole tablets

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines, including herbal medicines. This includes medicines obtained without a prescription. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. This includes medicines obtained without a prescription. Some abnormal blood and liver enzymes have been seen after treatment with Rabeprazole tablets, usually occurring before the treatment is discontinued.

If you take other medicines with Rabeprazole tablets

• If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Rabeprazole tablets.
• If you are not sure if any of the above applies to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.
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In combination with other medicines

• For example, the uptake of the vitamin (duodenal and) and gastric ulcers.
• Gastrin-suppressing reflux disease (GERD) with Rabeprazole tablets may also be used for the symptomatic treatment of moderate to severe gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD) in children aged 12 years and over.
• If you are pregnant or breast-feeding or planning to become pregnant, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking the medicine.

Driving and using machines

There are no known effects of Rabeprazole tablets on your ability to drive or use machinery.

If you are planning to drive or use machinery, you should take extra care to avoid any potential effects of Rabeprazole tablets.

Various brands of Rabeprazole tablets are available.

• Rabeprazole tablets (10mg, 20mg) are gastro-resistant tablets.

Meet the requirements of the patient information leaflets.
Possible side effects
Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everyone gets them. The side effects for usual doses of this medicine are usually mild and unlikely to prevent you from continuing treatment.
If you notice any of the following serious side effects, stop taking Rabeprazole tablets and contact your doctor immediately:
• Allergic reactions — the signs may include: sudden swelling of your face, difficulty breathing or a low blood pressure which may cause fainting or collapse.
• Infected cuts, sores or wounds which do not heal.
• Severe peeling skin. This may be associated with a high fever (fever and chills). It may also be associated with a low blood pressure which may cause fainting or collapse.
• Enlarged lymph glands (swollen glands).
• Gallstones.
• Swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat.
• Seizures.
• Difficulty breathing.
• Swelling of the stomach.

Common side effects
Some side effects are more frequent than others. Side effects mentioned below are usually mild and improve without you stopping treatment.

The older patient:
Rabeprazole tablets may be less effective or have less effect in older people. In these cases:
• Aches, back pain, non-specific pain.
• Swelling of the feet and ankles.
• Increased weight.
• Itchy rash, sweating, skin blisters.
• Benign polyps in the stomach.
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