

# INFORMATION FOR THE PATIENT

## APO-FAMOTIDINE

Famotidine Tablets USP

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Full prescribing information is available to the physician and pharmacist.

Apo-Famotidine is Apotex Inc.'s brand name for the medication famotidine, which is available **only on prescription** from your physician. Famotidine belongs to a class of medicines known as histamine H<sub>2</sub> receptor antagonists. It reduces the amount of acid produced by the stomach. For this reason it is used in the treatment of certain ulcers of the stomach or duodenum, and other conditions, for example the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease or Zollinger-Ellison syndrome, in which the stomach produces too much acid.

### REMEMBER

This medicine is prescribed for the particular condition that you have. Do not give this medicine to other people, nor use it for any other condition.

Do not use outdated medicine.

Keep all medicines out of the reach of children.

Read the following information carefully. If you need any explanations, or further information, ask your physician or pharmacist.

### BEFORE TAKING THIS MEDICINE

This medicine may not be suitable for certain people. So, tell your physician if you think any of the following applies to you:

- You have previously taken famotidine or any other medication in the same class (histamine H<sub>2</sub> receptor antagonists) and developed an allergy or reacted badly to it.
- You are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.
- You are breast-feeding or intend to breast-feed.
- You have confirmed kidney or liver ailment.

Your physician also needs to know if you are taking any other medication (for example, a prescription or over the counter drugs).

### PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICINE

- Take this medicine **exactly** as directed by your physician. For the treatment of ulcers, it is often recommended as a single dose at bedtime, but some conditions may require different dosing. In any case, follow the instructions provided by your physician and your pharmacist.
- If necessary, your physician may also recommend an antacid.
- If you miss the usual time for a tablet, take it as soon as possible. But, if it is too close to the time of your next dose, take only the prescribed dose at the appointed time. **Do not take a double dose.**
- **THE SAFETY OF FAMOTIDINE IN CHILDREN HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.**
- Carefully follow any dietary measures that your physician has recommended. Certain foods and drinks and certain medicines, such as aspirin, may irritate the stomach and worsen your condition.
- Take this medicine for the full duration of treatment, even if you begin to feel better. The pain usually subsides before complete healing is obtained. **Do not alter the dosage or stop taking the medicine without consulting your physician.**
- **Do not start taking any other medicines** unless you have discussed the matter with your physician.
- Keep blister in outer carton, away from heat and direct light, and out of damp places.

### SIDE EFFECTS OF THIS MEDICINE - AND WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Along with its intended action, any medication may cause unwanted effects. Most people do not have any problem when taking this medicine.

Check with your physician as soon as possible if any of the following side effects occur: headache, dizziness, constipation and diarrhea.

Other effects not listed above may also occur in some patients. If you notice these side effects or any other unusual symptoms, check with your physician.

### INGREDIENTS

**Active ingredient:** Each tablet of Apo-Famotidine contains famotidine. It comes in two strengths: 20 mg (beige), and 40 mg (light brown).

### WHO MANUFACTURES APO-FAMOTIDINE

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### REMINDERS:

**This medicine has been prescribed only for you. Do not give it to anybody else.**

*If you require any further information or advise please consult your doctor or pharmacist.*

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