

# INFORMATION FOR THE PATIENT

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## APO-RANITIDINE

Ranitidine Tablets USP 75 mg

### WHAT IS APO-RANITIDINE?

Apo-Ranitidine is a product which contains the nonprescription strength of ranitidine, the world's #1 selling acid reducer, prescribed by doctors more than 200 million times world-wide.

Apo-Ranitidine relieves and treats the burning and discomfort of heartburn, acid indigestion, upset and sour stomach, providing fast and effective relief. Apo-Ranitidine reduces and controls stomach acid for up to 9 hours, day or night.

Apo-Ranitidine works by reducing the production of excess stomach acid, which causes the burning and discomfort of heartburn and acid indigestion. This is what makes Apo-Ranitidine different from antacids which only neutralise the acid in your stomach. Antacids do not reduce the production of excess stomach acid.

### WHAT SYMPTOMS DO APO-RANITIDINE RELIEVE AND TREAT?

Apo-Ranitidine provides fast relief and treatment, day or night, of the following symptoms:

- Heartburn
- Acid indigestion
- Upset or sour stomach

### SHOULD YOU TAKE APO-RANITIDINE?

Please consult your doctor or pharmacist before taking Apo-Ranitidine:

- if you are allergic to ranitidine or any of the ingredients in Apo-Ranitidine tablets,
- if you have a stomach or duodenal ulcer,
- if you have difficulty swallowing or persistent abdominal discomfort,
- if you are taking non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), because these medicines may be causing your symptoms,
- if you are pregnant, or breast-feeding,
- If you have kidney problems,
- if you suffer from porphyria (a rare blood disorder),
- if you experience unintended weight loss associated with acid indigestion,
- if you are over 40 years of age and are experiencing new or recently changed symptoms of heartburn or acid indigestion,
- if you have any other illness, and are taking any prescription medicines, seeing a doctor regularly,
- If you are under 16 years of age.

### HOW SHOULD YOU TAKE APO-RANITIDINE TABLETS?

Adults and children 16 years and older: take one tablet as needed. If symptoms return, take another tablet. Do not take more than 2 tablets during a 24-hour period. If symptoms persist for more than 2 consecutive weeks consult your doctor. Apo-Ranitidine and prescription doses of antacids should be taken one hour apart.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP AVOID SYMPTOMS?

- do not lie down soon after eating,
- if you are overweight, lose weight,
- if you smoke, stop or cut down,
- avoid or limit foods such as: caffeine (coffee, tea, or cola drinks), chocolate, spicy or fatty fried foods and alcohol.

### HOW SHOULD YOU KEEP APO-RANITIDINE?

Keep in a safe place out of the reach of children.

Store at room temperature (15 to 30°C). Protect from light.

### WHAT INGREDIENTS ARE IN APO-RANITIDINE?

Each tablet contains 75 mg of ranitidine, as ranitidine hydrochloride.

Non-medicinal ingredients: microcrystalline cellulose, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, colloidal silicon dioxide, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, polydextrose, polyethylene glycol, titanium dioxide, red ferric oxide, yellow ferric oxide and carnauba wax.

### AVAILABILITY

Packages of 4, 10 and 30 tablets (4, 10 and 30 doses)

### QUESTIONS?

Speak to your pharmacist or doctor if you have any questions about Apo-Ranitidine.

### WHO MANUFACTURES APO-RANITIDINE

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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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