

## PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### Gaviscon Advance Aniseed Suspension

**Active substances:** Each 5 ml dose contains sodium alginate 500.0mg and potassium hydrogen carbonate 100.0mg

**Indications:** Treatment of symptoms resulting from the reflux of acid, bile and pepsin into the oesophagus such as acid regurgitation, heartburn, indigestion (occurring due to the reflux of stomach contents), for instance, after gastric surgery, as a result of hiatus hernia, during pregnancy, accompanying reflux oesophagitis, including symptoms of laryngopharyngeal reflux such as hoarseness and other voice disorders, sore throats and cough. Can also be used to treat the symptoms of gastro-oesophageal reflux during concomitant treatment with or following withdrawal of acid suppressing therapy.

**Dosage Instructions:** Adults and children 12 years and over: 5-10 ml after meals and at bedtime (one to two 5 ml measuring spoons).

**Contraindications:**

Hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients, including the esters of hydroxybenzoates (parabens).

**Precautions and Warnings:** Each 10 ml dose has a sodium content of 106 mg (4.6mmol) and a potassium content of 78 mg (2.0 mmol). This should be taken into account when a highly restricted salt diet is recommended, e.g. in some cases of congestive cardiac failure and renal impairment or when taking drugs which can increase plasma potassium levels. Each 10 ml contains 200 mg (2.0 mmol) of calcium carbonate. Care needs to be taken in treating patients with hypercalcaemia, nephrocalcinosis and recurrent calcium containing renal calculi. There is a possibility of reduced efficacy in patients with very low levels of gastric acid. Treatment of children younger than 12 years of age is not generally recommended, except on medical advice. If symptoms do not improve after seven days, the clinical situation should be reviewed. This medicinal product contains Methyl hydroxybenzoate and Propyl hydroxybenzoate, which may cause allergic reactions (possibly delayed).

**Side-Effects:** Very rarely (<1/10,000) patients may develop allergic manifestations such as urticaria or bronchospasm, anaphylactic or anaphylactoid reactions.

**Basic NHS Price:** Gaviscon Advance Aniseed Suspension: 250ml - £2.27, 500ml - £4.54

**Marketing Authorisation:**

Gaviscon Advance Aniseed Suspension - PL 00063/0108.

**Supply Classification:**

Gaviscon Advance Aniseed Suspension - **P**

**Marketing authorisation Holder:**

Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare (UK) Limited, Dansom Lane, Hull, HU8 7DS.

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**Adverse events should be reported. Reporting forms and information can be found at [www.yellowcard.gov.uk](http://www.yellowcard.gov.uk). Adverse events should also be reported to Reckitt Benckiser on 0500 455 456.**

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