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Patient Information Sheet

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Cisapride

Common Drug Name

Cisapride

Common Brand Names

Former product: Propulsid

Generic products are available.

Storage

Store at room temperature in a tight, light resistant, childproof container.

Uses

Cisapride is used to stimulate the movement of food through the digestive tract. It is used for the treatment of chronic constipation and megacolon (abnormal enlargement of the colon). It may also be used for disorders of the esophagus including reflux and megaesophagus (abnormal enlargement of the esophagus).

Dose and Administration

Always follow the dosage instructions provided by your veterinarian. If you have difficulty giving the medication, contact your veterinarian.

If in a liquid form, shake well before using.

If you miss a dose, give it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the one you missed and go back to the regular schedule. Do not give 2 doses at once.

This medication should only be given to the pet for whom it was prescribed.

Possible Side Effects

The most common side effects are diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Consult your veterinarian if you notice any of these effects or your pet's condition worsens.

If your pet experiences an allergic reaction to the medication, signs may include facial swelling, hives, scratching, sudden onset of diarrhea, vomiting, shock, seizures, pale gums, cold limbs, or coma. If you observe any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Precautions

Not for use in animals hypersensitive (allergic) to cisapride.

At high doses, cisapride has caused birth defects in rats. Only use cisapride in pregnant animals if the benefits outweigh the risks. Use with caution in lactating animals (female animals nursing their young).

Do not use in animals with an obstruction, perforation, or bleeding of the digestive tract.

Use with caution in animals with liver or heart disease.

Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

Consult your veterinarian before using cisapride with vitamins and supplements, anticholinergic agents (atropine), cimetidine, ranitidine, anticoagulants, benzodiazepine tranquilizers (such as diazepam [Valium]), ketoconazole, IV miconazole, itraconazole, or troleandomycin, any antibiotics, or antihistamines, since interactions may occur.

Cisapride may affect the absorption of other oral drugs from the intestine. Your veterinarian may need to perform blood tests to monitor their levels.

Human Drug, Food, and Test Interactions

In humans, severe side effects and death have been reported in patients receiving cisapride along with certain antihistamines and antibiotics. For this reason, cisapride is no longer approved for human use. These effects have not been seen in animals.

Signs of Toxicity/Overdose

May see severe diarrhea or cramping. May also see difficulty breathing, tremors, or seizures.

If you know or suspect your pet has had an overdose, or if you observe any of these signs in your pet, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Keep this and all other medications out of the reach of children and pets.