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| Esomeprazole tablets |
| Preparations listed in the Drug tariff | [**Part VIIIA (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIa) | **DT price** |
| Esomeprazole 20mg G/R tablets | £2.56 for 28 |
| Esomeprazole 40mg G/R tablets | £3.45 for 28 |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| None |  |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| The tablets can be dispersed in half a glass of non-carbonated water. The water should be stirred until the tablet disintegrates. The liquid with the pellets should be drunk immediately or within 30 minutes. The glass should be rinsed with half a glass of water and drunk. The pellets must not be chewed or crushed1,2,3,4,5. |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Tablet1,2,3,4:1. Put the tablet into an appropriate syringe and fill with approximately 25ml water and approximately 5ml air. Please note, up to 50ml water may be required to disperse the tablet to prevent the pellets from clogging the tube.
2. Immediately shake the syringe for approximately 2 minutes\* to disperse the tablet.
3. Hold the syringe with the tip up and check that the tip has not clogged.
4. Attach the syringe to the tube whilst maintaining the above position.
5. Shake the syringe and position it with the tip pointing down. Immediately inject 5-10ml into the tube. Invert the syringe after injection and shake (the syringe must be held with the tip pointing up to avoid clogging of the tip.)
6. Turn the syringe with the tip down and immediately inject another 5-10ml into the tube. Repeat this procedure until the syringe is empty.
7. Fill the syringe with 25ml of water and 5ml of air and repeat step 5 if necessary to wash down any sediment life in the syringe. For some tubes, 50ml water is needed
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| Comments |
| \*Cipla EU brand of tablet recommends shaking for around 7-10 minutes. The Accord-UK brand recommends shaking until the tablet has disintegrated |
| References1. Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) Nexium 20mg and 40mg tablets (AstraZeneca UK) last updated 29/5/2019 [www.medicines.org.uk](http://www.medicines.org.uk) accessed 27/9/19
2. SPC Esomeprazole 20mg and 40mg G/R tablets (Cipla EU) last updated 27/9/18 [www.medicines.org.uk](http://www.medicines.org.uk) date accessed 27/9/19
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4. SPC Esomeprazole 20mg and 40mg G/R tablets (Accord-UK) last updated 7/5/18 [www.medicines.org.uk](http://www.medicines.org.uk) date accessed 27/9/19
5. SPC Guardium acid reflux control 20mg G/R tablets (Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare) last updated 16/11/18 [www.medicines.org.uk](http://www.medicines.org.uk) date accessed 27/9/19
6. Drug Tariff October 2019 <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/drug-tariff>
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| **Please note: full instructions should be provided to the person administering the medicine. This is guidance only and should not determine individualised care.** |
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