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| Omeprazole |
| Preparations listed in the Drug tariff**Hover the mouse over the £ sign for DT prices** | [**Part VIIIA (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIa) | **DT price** |
| Omeprazole 10mg, 20mg, 40mg gastro-resistant (G/R) capsules | [**£**](#_Omeprazole) |
| Omeprazole 10mg, 20mg, 40mg G/R tablets | [**£**](#_Omeprazole) |
| Omeprazole 10mg, 20mg, 40mg dispersible G/R tablets (Losec MUPS) | [**£**](#_Omeprazole) |
| [**Part VIIIB (hover the mouse here for more info):**](#PartVIIIb) | **DT price** |
| Omeprazole 5mg/5ml oral suspension | [**£**](#_Omeprazole) |
| Omeprazole 10mg/5ml oral suspension | [**£**](#_Omeprazole) |
| Omeprazole 20mg/5ml oral suspension | [**£**](#_Omeprazole) |
| Omeprazole 40mg/5ml oral suspension | [**£**](#_Omeprazole) |
| Administration in swallowing difficulties |
| Dispersible tablets can be broken and dispersed in a spoonful of non-carbonated water and (if required), mixed with fruit juice or apple sauce. Take immediately or within 30 minutes and always stir just before drinking and rinse down with half a glass of water. **DO NOT USE** milk or carbonated water. The enteric-coated pellets must not be chewed1,2,3.Omeprazole suspension (unlicensed preparation- special)- consider using for example, in a paediatric patient which cannot be administered using a whole tablet/capsule |
| Administration in enteral feeding tube |
| Consider using lansoprazole dispersible tablets which are licensed for use in NG tubes or esomeprazole tablets or granules which are licensed for use in NG or gastric tube.Omeprazole tablets (Dexcel Pharma)4:Unlicensed use: Stop the feed and flush. Place the tablet in the barrel of the syringe and draw 20ml of water. Disperse the tablet, shaking as required, then flush. Rinse the syringe with another 20ml of water and flush. Flush again with more water. Sandoz, the only other generic manufacturer listed in EMC that make omeprazole tablets have no information on giving their dispersible tablet via a feeding tube5. Losec MUPS tablets disperse into granules which have a tendency to block fine-bore feeding tubes4.Omeprazole suspension (unlicensed preparation- special): there is no information on administration via enteral feeding tube. |
| Comments |
| None |
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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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