

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET:

RAYZIUM TABLETS:

{ESOMEPRAZOLE}

Read this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- Do not pass this medicine on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- In order for this medicine to work, it must be taken exactly as directed.
- Keep all medicines out of reach of children.
- If you want more information about this medicine ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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1. WHAT IS RAYZIUM AND WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

The name of the medicine is Rayzium.

Rayzium contains the active substance Esomeprazole which belongs to a group of medicines called proton pump inhibitors that work by reducing production of acids by the stomach.

Rayzium is used to treat Gastro esophageal reflux disease (GERD), ulcers in the stomach and hyperacidity.

Each enteric coated tablet contains:

 Esomeprazole (as magnesium) 20mg

 Esomeprazole (as magnesium) 40mg

2. BEFORE YOU USE RAYZIUM:

Do not use without medical advice:

- If you have had an allergy to any of the ingredients in the past.
- If you are on any other drugs.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse.
- If you are pregnant
- If you are breastfeeding.

3. HOW TO USE RAYZIUM:

Always take or give this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

The usual initial dose is Rayzium 20mg or 40mg once or twice daily. The dosage depends on the condition being treated.

Rayzium is not recommended for children under the age of 12 years.

If you forget to take the 2nd dose of Rayzium, take it as soon as you remember, however, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose.

Do not take a double dose to make up for a missed dose.

Swallow your tablets whole with a drink of water. **DO NOT** chew or crush the tablets. This is because the tablets contain a coating which stop the medicine from being broken down by the acid in your stomach. The score-line present on the tablet is non-functional, and should not be split. It is important not to damage the coating.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS:

Like all medicines, Rayzium can have side effects though not everyone gets them. Report this or any other side effects to your doctor or pharmacist.

These include headache, diarrhea, stomach pain, constipation, flatulence and rarely, taste changes. Report these or any other side effects to your doctor or pharmacist.

5. HOW TO STORE RAYZIUM:

Do not use Rayzium after the expiry date stamped on the pack. The expiry date refers to the last day of the month.

Rayzium should be stored in a cool place below 30°C, protected from direct sunlight and kept out of the sight and reach of children

Medicines should not be disposed off via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose off medicines no longer required. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION:

What Rayzium contains

The active substances is Esomeprazole.

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7. PRESENTATION:

Rayzium is available as follows:

3 x10's Blister packs in unit boxes.



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