

Zegerid[™] OTC[™]

PRODUCT FACT SHEET



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ZEGERID OTC[™] is a proton pump inhibitor (PPI), the strongest and most effective class of acid-reducing medication for treating frequent heartburn. It is the only 24-hour frequent heartburn treatment that contains a patented dual-ingredient formula.

ZEGERID OTC combines the leading prescription acid-reducing medicine (omeprazole) with sodium bicarbonate, which protects the omeprazole from acid in the stomach. To date, all other PPIs have used an enteric coating to prevent the medicine from being broken down by acid in the stomach prior to absorption. With the sodium bicarbonate offering built-in protection, ZEGERID OTC capsules do not need an enteric coating, allowing the acid-reducing medicine in them to be absorbed by the body and get to work treating frequent heartburn.

ZEGERID OTC was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in December 2009 for over-the-counter use by adults 18 and over for the treatment of frequent heartburn, which is defined as heartburn that occurs two or more days a week.

ZEGERID OTC is in the form of 20 mg omeprazole/1100 mg sodium bicarbonate capsules in the original prescription formula. It is the only over-the-counter PPI product with two active ingredients.

ZEGERID OTC may take 1 to 4 days for full effect, although some people get complete relief of symptoms within 24 hours. It is a 14-day course of treatment that can be repeated every 4 months and should only be taken as directed.

For more information visit www.ZegeridOTC.com

ZEGERID OTC is being marketed over-the-counter by Schering-Plough HealthCare Products, Inc., the consumer healthcare subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc. Under an agreement with Santarus, a specialty biopharmaceutical company that developed and currently markets prescription ZEGERID®, Schering-Plough HealthCare Products is responsible for the development, manufacturing and commercialization of ZEGERID OTC products for heartburn-related indications in the US and Canada. Santarus will continue to manufacture, promote and sell its ZEGERID (omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate) products in both 20 mg and 40 mg dosage strengths in the US. For additional information on prescription ZEGERID, please visit www.Zegerid.com.

*Use as directed for 14-days for treating frequent heartburn