

**GAVICON INFANT**  
**Powder for Oral Suspension,**  
**Sodium alginate 225mg and Magnesium alginate 87.5mg**  
**PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET**

**Please read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you and your child.**

This medicine is available without prescription. However, you still need to use Gaviscon Infant carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- You must contact a doctor if your child's symptoms worsen or do not improve after 7 days.
- If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effect not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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**1. What Gaviscon Infant is and what it is used for?**

Gaviscon Infant contains sodium alginate and magnesium alginate which belong to a group of medicines called "reflux suppressants".

Reflux is the process by which the stomach contents flow back up the tube that leads from the mouth to the stomach (known as the gullet or oesophagus). This can cause an infant to be sick, spit up more than normal and become distressed. Gaviscon Infant prevents reflux by stabilising the stomach contents, so reducing the incidence of reflux and bringing up of feeds (possetting).

**2. Before using Gaviscon Infant**

**Do not use Gaviscon Infant:**

- except on a doctor's or other healthcare professional's recommendation
- if your child is allergic to magnesium alginate, sodium alginate or any of the other ingredients (see section 6)
- if your child is being sick, has a fever or diarrhoea
- if you have been told or it is suspected that your child has damage to their kidneys or they have been put on a low salt diet
- if you have been told that your child has a blockage in their gut (an intestinal obstruction)

**Take special care with Gaviscon Infant:**

If your baby is premature or under one year, you should ask your doctor or pharmacist before giving Gaviscon Infant.

There have been extremely rare reports of altered stool consistency (e.g., constipation and diarrhoea) in relation to use of this product. If you are concerned or you notice significant or sustained changes in bowel habit, consult a healthcare professional immediately.

**Taking Gaviscon Infant with other medicines**

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if your child is taking or has recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription.

**Taking Gaviscon Infant with food and drink**

**Do not** use Gaviscon Infant with other feed thickening agents or infant milk preparations containing a thickening agent. You should ask your doctor or pharmacist before you give Gaviscon Infant to your child if you are not sure.

**Important information about some of the ingredients of Gaviscon Infant**

This medicinal product contains 0.9 mmol (or 21 mg) sodium per sachet.

To be taken into account by patients on a controlled sodium diet.

**3. How to use Gaviscon Infant**

Always use Gaviscon Infant exactly as described below. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Gaviscon Infant should **not** be used in premature infants or those under one year of age except under medical supervision.

The dosage and mixing instruction depend on the age and weight of your child and the feeding method you use:

Open the sachet and mix the contents immediately before use as directed below:

**Breast fed infants:** Under 4.5 kg (10 lb) – one sachet  
Over 4.5 kg (10 lb) – two sachets

- Put the powder in a glass and add 5 ml (one teaspoon) of cooled, boiled water
- Mix to a smooth paste
- Add another 10 ml (two teaspoons) of the water and mix again
- Give to your infant after each feed using a spoon or feeding bottle

**Bottle fed infant: Under 4.5 kg (10 lb) – one sachet**

- Mix into not less than 115 ml (4 fluid oz) of each feed in the bottle
- Shake well

**Over 4.5 kg (10 lb) – two sachets**

- Mix into not less than 225 ml (8 fluid oz) of each feed in the bottle
- Shake well

**Young children:** Two sachets, prepared as for breast fed infants (above), to be taken after each meal.

**Do not** give more than six times in 24 hours.

**If your child's condition persists or becomes worse ask your doctor or other healthcare professional for advice immediately.**

You **should not** use Gaviscon Infant for more than seven days without checking with your doctor or other healthcare professional.

**If your child takes more Gaviscon Infant than they should**

If your child takes too much Gaviscon Infant they may be sick, lose their appetite, become irritable or tired and weak.

If you accidentally give too much Gaviscon Infant ask your doctor or other healthcare professional for advice **immediately**.

**If you forget to give Gaviscon Infant**

If a dose is missed **do not** give a double dose with the next feed. Just carry on with the recommended dose.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product ask your doctor or pharmacist.

**4. Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, Gaviscon Infant can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Very rarely, Gaviscon Infant can cause bloating and discomfort of the stomach (gastric distension).

Very rarely, there have been reports of altered stool consistency, including symptoms of constipation and diarrhoea.

If the child has any side effects after taking Gaviscon Infant tell your doctor or other healthcare professional.

**Reporting of side effects**

In Ireland: If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. Reports may be made by following the links to the online reporting option accessible from the IMB homepage, or by completing the downloadable report form also accessible from the IMB website, which may be completed manually and submitted to the IMB via freepost, to the following address: FREEPOST, Pharmacovigilance Section, Irish Medicines Board, Kevin O'Malley House, Earlsfort Centre, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, Ireland, Tel: +35316764971, Fax: +35316762517, Website: www.imb.ie, e-mail: imbpharmacovigilance@imb.ie. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**5. How to store Gaviscon Infant**

**Keep all medicines out of reach and sight of children.**

Do not use after the expiry date shown on the pack (EXP month/year).

Do not store above 30°C.

Do not use if the sachet is damaged or the security seal is broken.

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

**6. Further information**

Each dose of Gaviscon Infant powder contains 225 mg sodium alginate and 87.5 mg magnesium alginate as the active ingredients.

The other ingredients are mannitol (E421) and colloidal silica.

**What Gaviscon Infant looks like and the contents of the pack**

Gaviscon Infant is a powder for oral suspension.

Each carton contains 30 sachets joined in pairs.

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