

# gaviscon Infant

## oral granules

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This statewide guideline does not address all the elements of clinical practice and assumes that the individual clinicians are responsible for discussing care with consumers in an environment that is culturally appropriate and which enables respectful confidential discussion. This includes:

- The use of interpreter services where necessary,
- Advising consumers of their choice and ensuring informed consent is obtained,
- Providing care within scope of practice, meeting all legislative requirements and maintaining standards of professional conduct, and
- Documenting all care in accordance with mandatory and local requirements

## Generic Ingredients

Sodium alginate 225mg, magnesium alginate 87.5mg per sachet.

## Dose and Indications

### Gastro Intestinal reflux

#### Oral

One sachet with at least 120mL of feed (or a proportionate dose)

## Preparation and Administration

#### Oral

Mix one sachet with at least 120mL of feed (or a proportionate dose)

Volume of feed	30mL	40mL	60mL	120mL
No. of sachets (approx)	1/4	1/3	1/2	1

Do not use with soy-based formula feeds.

For Breast fed infants - Mix one sachet with 15mL sterile water. Give with or after feeds.

May be kept for up to 12 hours in the fridge.

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### Adverse Effects

Generally well tolerated, however, diarrhoea and hypokalaemia have been occasionally reported

### Practice Points

- > Use cautiously in patients with significant renal impairment or gastroenteritis, as Gaviscon® Infant may add to the risk of hyponatremia.
- > Liquid Gaviscon® preparations have higher sodium content and are not recommended in infants.
- > Higher doses may be used at neonatologists discretion

### Version control and change history

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