

# FAMOTIN TABLET

Famotidine (40mg)

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## What *Famotin* is used for

For intestinal ulcer, prevention of elapse of intestinal ulcer, non-cancerous gastric ulcer and Zollinger-Ellison syndrome (excessive acid in the stomach due to growth).

## How *Famotin* works

Famotidine blocks secretion of gastric acid and gastric enzyme (pepsin). It has also shown to block other actions of histamine. It is used in conditions where blocking of gastric acid secretion may be beneficial.

## Before you use *Famotin*

### - When you must not use it

Do not take *Famotin*, if allergic to its active ingredient or other ingredients in it.

### - Before you start to use it

Be cautious if you are elderly or have kidney impairment.

The use of famotidine in children is not established and safety not known.

### Pregnancy and lactation

Usage in pregnancy is not advisable unless clearly needed. As famotidine is found in breast milk, use in breastfeeding mothers is not advisable. Get advice from a doctor or pharmacist before using.

### - Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines that you buy without a prescription from pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

## How to use *Famotin*

### - How much to use

Intestinal ulcer: Initially, 40mg daily at bedtime for 4 – 8 weeks. Prevention of relapse of intestinal ulcer: 20mg at night. Non-cancerous gastric ulcer: 40mg daily at night for 4 – 8 weeks. Zollinger-Ellison syndrome: initially, 20mg 6 hourly. Severe condition: up to 160mg 6 hourly. A dosage adjustment is required for moderate to severe kidney impairment.

Dose may be reduced to half the actual dose and interval prolonged to 36 – 48 hours if there are side effects to the central nervous system.

### - When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

### - How long to use it

Continue taking *Famotin* for as long as your doctor recommends.

### - If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it. Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

### - If you use too much (overdose)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

## While you are using *Famotin*

### - Things you must do

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Tell the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking *Famotin*. Tell your doctor immediately if you are pregnant while taking this medicine.

### - Things you must not do

Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor or pharmacist. Do not give *Famotin* to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

### - Things to be careful of

Please inform the doctor or pharmacist if you experience any effects on using this medicine.

## Side effects

Side reactions to famotidine are generally infrequent and are usually reversible with dose reduction or stop the medicine. The most common side effects are diarrhoea, dizziness, tiredness, headache and rashes.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website [npa.moh.gov.my](http://npa.moh.gov.my) (Public → Reporting Medicinal Problems / Side Effects / AEFI / Vaccine Safety).

## Storage and Disposal of *Famotin*

### - Storage

Store in a cool, dry place below 30°C. Protect from light. Keep out of reach and sight of children.

### - Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required.

## Product description

### - What it looks like

White, round, biconvex, top-scored tablet. 'PRIME' embossed on one side and '40' on the other side.

### - Ingredients

- Active ingredients: famotidine  
- Inactive ingredients: lactose Monohydrate, cornstarch, magnesium stearate and croscarmellose sodium

### - MAL number(s):

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