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**PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: Presentation:** White odourless aerosol containing hydrocortisone acetate PhEur 10% w/w. **Uses:** Ulcerative colitis, proctosigmoiditis and granular proctitis. **Dosage and administration:** One applicatorful inserted into the rectum once or twice daily for two or three weeks and every second day thereafter. Shake can vigorously before use (illustrated instructions are enclosed with pack). **Contra-indications, warnings etc:** Local contra-indications to the use of intrarectal steroids include obstruction, abscess, perforation, peritonitis, fresh intestinal anastomoses and extensive fistulae. General precautions common to all corticosteroid therapy should be observed during treatment with Colifoam. Treatment should be administered with caution in patients with severe ulcerative disease because of their predisposition to perforation of the bowel wall. Safety

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<sup>†</sup>refer to prescribing information for antibiotics

### ZOTON<sup>\*</sup> CAPSULES - Prescribing Information (UK)

**Presentation:** Two tone lilac/purple capsules containing lansoprazole 30 mg. Opaque yellow capsules containing lansoprazole 15 mg. **Indications:** Healing and maintenance of gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD) or duodenal ulcer. Relief of reflux-like symptoms (e.g. heartburn) and/or ulcer-like symptoms (e.g. upper epigastric pain) associated with acid-related dyspepsia. Healing of benign gastric ulcer. Effective for benign peptic lesions including reflux oesophagitis unresponsive to H<sub>2</sub> receptor antagonists. Eradication of *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) in patients with duodenal ulcer or gastritis. **Dosage and Administration:** *Duodenal ulcer:* 30 mg daily for 4 weeks, then 15 mg daily for maintenance dose. *GORD:* 30 mg daily for 4-8 weeks, then 15 mg or 30 mg for maintenance dose. *Acid-related dyspepsia:* 15 or 30 mg daily for 2-4 weeks. Investigate patients who do not respond after 4 weeks, or who relapse shortly afterwards. *Benign gastric ulcer:* 30 mg daily for 8 weeks. *H. pylori eradication:* 30 mg twice daily plus two of the following antibiotics for 7 days: clarithromycin 250 mg twice daily, amoxicillin 1 g twice daily or metronidazole 400 mg twice daily. Swallow capsules whole. No dosage adjustment is necessary in the elderly, or the renally or hepatically impaired. There is no experience with Zoton in children. **Contra-indications:** Hypersensitivity to Zoton ingredients. **Precautions:** Exclude the possibility of malignancy when gastric ulcer is suspected, and before treatment for dyspepsia (particularly in middle aged or older patients who have new or changed dyspeptic symptoms). When

using in combination with antibiotics, refer to the prescribing information of the respective antibiotics. **Pregnancy and Lactation:** Avoid in pregnancy. Avoid during breast feeding unless essential. **Interactions:** Interactions with drugs metabolised by the liver are possible. Apply caution when used concomitantly with oral contraceptives, phenytoin, theophylline or warfarin. Antacids should not be taken within an hour of Zoton. **Side Effects:** Generally mild and transient, including gastro-intestinal disturbances, headache, dizziness, malaise, dry or sore mouth or throat, fatigue, and alterations in liver function test values. A few cases of arthralgia, myalgia, peripheral oedema, depression, haematological changes, bruising, purpura, petechiae, jaundice, hepatitis, paraesthesia or blurred vision have been reported. Rashes, urticaria, pruritus and other hypersensitivity-type reactions have occurred. **Legal Category:** POM. **Package Quantities:** 30 mg capsules: Blister packs of 56, 28, 14 and 7 (hospital starter pack) capsules. 15 mg capsules: Blister packs of 56 and 28 capsules. **Product Licence Number:** 30 mg capsules: PL 0095/0264. 15 mg capsules: PL 0095/0302. **Cost:** 30 mg capsules: 7 £9.09 (hospital starter pack), 14 £16.68, 28 £33.36, 56 £66.72. 15 mg capsules: 28 £18.95, 56 £37.90. Full prescribing information is available on request. **Name and Address of Licence Holder:** Cyanamid of Great Britain Ltd, Fareham Road, Gosport, Hampshire, PO13 0AS. **REFERENCE:** 1. Misiewicz, J.J. et al, *Gut*, 1996, 38 (Suppl 1), A1 W4 (106447). \*Trademark of Takeda Chemical Industries Ltd. Updated 28 November 1996. Date of preparation: January 1997



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**PRESENTATION:** Losec Capsules containing 10mg, 20mg or 40mg omeprazole (O) as enteric coated granules with an aqueous based coating. **USES:** Oesophageal reflux disease. Duodenal and benign gastric ulcers (including NSAID-induced). Prophylaxis of NSAID-associated ulcers in patients with a history of gastroduodenal lesions, including relief of dyspeptic symptoms. *Helicobacter pylori* eradication: Relief of associated dyspeptic symptoms in combination treatment with antibiotics. Prophylaxis of acid aspiration. Zollinger-Ellison syndrome. **DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION: Adults (including the elderly):** The usual dose in oesophageal reflux disease and peptic ulcer is 20mg once daily, increasing to 40mg once daily in severe or refractory cases, if required. **Oesophageal reflux disease:** Healing: 20mg daily for 4 weeks. Continue for further 4-8 weeks if required. **Maintenance in acid reflux disease:** Losec 10mg daily. Increase to 20mg daily if symptoms return. **Duodenal ulcer (DU):** Healing: 20mg daily for 4 weeks. **DU maintenance:** Losec 10mg daily increasing to 20mg daily if symptoms return. **Benign Gastric Ulcer:** 20mg daily for 8 weeks. **Prophylaxis of NSAID-associated DU & GU:** Losec 20mg once daily. **Helicobacter pylori eradication: DU disease: Triple therapies:** Losec 40mg daily with amoxicillin (A) 500mg and metronidazole (M) 400mg, both three times a day for 1 week. Or clarithromycin (C) 250mg and metronidazole 400mg (or tinidazole 500mg) both bd for

1 week. Or amoxicillin 1g and clarithromycin 500mg both bd for 1 week. **Dual therapies:** Losec 40mg daily with amoxicillin 750mg to 1g bd or clarithromycin 500mg tid, both for 2 weeks. **GU disease:** Losec 40mg daily with amoxicillin 750mg to 1g bd for 2 weeks. **Prophylaxis of acid aspiration:** Losec 40mg on the evening before surgery followed by Losec 40mg on the morning of surgery. **Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome:** 60mg daily as long as clinically indicated. Individually adjust within range 20-120mg daily. If in excess of 80mg daily give in 2 equal divided doses. **Renal impairment:** No dose adjustment needed. **Hepatic impairment:** Adjust dose (maximum daily dose 20mg). **Children:** No experience of use. **CONTRA-INDICATIONS, WARNINGS, etc:** Known hypersensitivity to omeprazole. In gastric ulcer, exclude malignancy before starting therapy. Avoid in pregnancy unless no safer alternative. Discontinue breast feeding if Losec is considered essential. **Side effects:** Losec is well tolerated. Adverse reactions are generally mild and reversible (relationship to Losec not established in many cases). They include diarrhoea, headaches, skin disorders and in isolated cases, angioedema, musculoskeletal disorders, fatigue, insomnia, dizziness, blurred vision, dry mouth, vertigo, paraesthesia, anaphylaxis, liver enzyme and haematological changes. **Interactions:** The absorption of ketoconazole may be reduced. Losec can delay the elimination of diazepam, phenytoin and warfarin. Plasma concentrations of omeprazole and clarithromycin are increased when used concomitantly. Simultaneous treatment with omeprazole and digoxin may

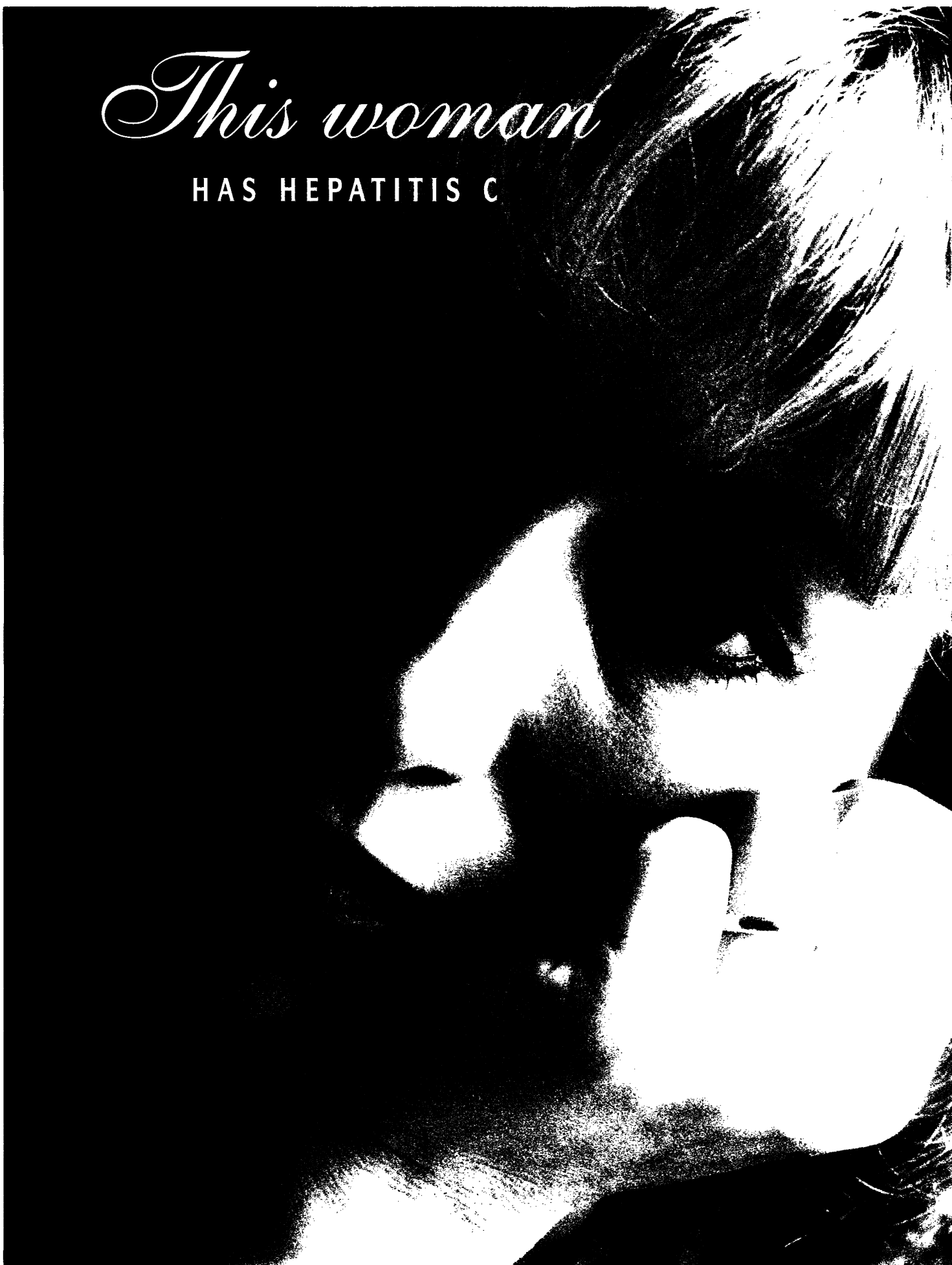
increase the bioavailability of digoxin. **PHARMACEUTICAL PRECAUTIONS:** Store below 30°C. Bottles: Use within three months of opening. Replace cap firmly after use. Dispense in original container. **LEGAL CATEGORY:** POM. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** *Helicobacter pylori* (Hp) is associated with acid peptic and ulcer disease, contributing to gastritis and ulcer recurrence. Eradication of Hp with omeprazole and antibiotics gives rapid symptom relief, high healing rates and long-term remission of ulcer disease. **Quality of life:** In recent clinical data, in patients with acute peptic ulcer disease, omeprazole Hp eradication therapy improved patients' quality of life. **PACKAGE QUANTITIES:** 10mg: bottles of 7\* capsules £4.99, bottles of 28 capsules £19.95. 20mg: bottles of 7\* capsules £8.86, bottles of 28 capsules £35.45. 40mg: bottles of 7\* capsules £17.72, blisters of 7 capsules £17.72. (\*Hospital pack only). **MARKETING AUTHORIZATION NO:** PL 0017/0337 - Losec Capsules 10mg. PL 0017/0238 - Losec Capsules 20mg. PL 0017/0320 - Losec Capsules 40mg.



For further information contact the **MARKETING AUTHORIZATION HOLDER:** Astra Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Home Park, Kings Langley, Herts WD4 8DH. Tel: (01923) 266191. LOSEC is a registered trademark of Astra Pharmaceuticals Ltd. **Date of preparation:** November 1996 LOS/ADV 1552

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Dosage in hepatitis C:  
**3M IU**  
three times a week  
for up to 18 months

Date of Preparation: January, 1996

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\* Estimates based on current incidence and epidemiology of hepatitis C.

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**Supply Classification:** Pharmacy Medicinal Product. **Holder of Marketing Authorisation:** Reckitt & Colman Products Limited, Dansom Lane, Hull, HU8 7DS. **Gaviscon Advance and the sword and circle symbol are trademarks. Date of preparation:** March 1997.

**References:** 1,2. Data on file, Reckitt & Colman Products Limited. 3. Liquid Gaviscon 500ml (25-50 doses at 10-20ml qds) basic NHS price £2.70; Gaviscon Advance 500ml (50-100 doses at 5-10ml qds) basic NHS price £5.40. 4. Data on file, Reckitt & Colman Products Limited.

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**INDICATIONS:** Hairy cell leukaemia; AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma without prior opportunistic infection (as single agent); chronic active hepatitis B; Piv positive chronic myelogenous leukaemia (adults >18 years); recurrent or metastatic renal cell carcinoma; refractory, progressive, cutaneous T-cell lymphoma; chronic hepatitis C; follicular non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. **DOSSAGE:** Usually daily dose according to toxicity or pre-existing reduced bone marrow function. **Adults: Hairy cell leukaemia** - Induction with 3 million IU daily IM or SC for 16-24 weeks; maintenance with 3 million IU three times per week. **AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma** - Escalation from 3 million IU daily, SC or IM, to 18-36 million IU daily over 12 weeks, then maintenance with maximum tolerated dose (to maximum of 36 million IU) three times per week. Recurrence of Kaposi's sarcoma lesions possible on stopping treatment. **Chronic active hepatitis B** - Usually 2.5-5.0 million IU/m<sup>2</sup> SC for 4-6 months; escalation permitted in absence of response. Efficacy not shown in hepatitis B with HIV co-infection. **Chronic myelogenous leukaemia** - Escalation from 3 million IU daily to 9 million IU daily, SC or IM, over 12 weeks. Continue to complete haematological response, or maximum 18 months treatment, in responders. Complete haematological response should continue with 9 million IU, daily (if tolerated) or three times per week, to achieve cytogenetic response. **Recurrent or metastatic renal cell carcinoma** - Escalation from 3 up to maximum 36 million IU daily, IM or SC for total 12 weeks, then maintenance with maximum tolerated dose (up to 18 MU) three times per week for at least 8 weeks to determine response, and at least 12 months in responders. **Chronic hepatitis C** - Induction with 6 million IU three times weekly IM or SC for 3 months followed by maintenance with 3 million IU three times weekly for 3 months in responders (normalised ALT). **Advanced follicular non-Hodgkin's lymphoma** - With conventional 'CHOP-like' chemotherapy, e.g. 6 MU/m<sup>2</sup> days 22-26 per 28-day cycle. **ADMINISTRATION: Vials** - For subcutaneous or deep intramuscular injection. **Pre-filled Syringes** - For subcutaneous injection. **CONTRA-INDICATIONS:** Hypersensitivity to interferons or ROFERON-A excipients; severe cardiac, renal, hepatic or myeloid disease; epilepsy and/or compromised CNS function. Chronic hepatitis with advanced, decompensated, liver cirrhosis;

recent immunosuppressive therapy (including short term 'steroid withdrawal'); CMV immediate candidate for allogeneic bone marrow transplantation. **Warnings:** **PRECAUTIONS:** Use under specialist supervision. Monitor renal, hepatic and myeloid function closely if pre-existing mild to moderate impairment. Neuropsychiatric monitoring; suicidal behaviour has been rarely observed (discontinuation recommended). Extreme caution in severe myelosuppression (monitor complete blood count), and transplant patients on immunosuppressants. Possible exacerbation or provocation of psoriasis. Possible impairment of driving, machine operation etc. Safety and efficacy in children has not been established. Auto-antibodies have been reported and autoimmune phenomena such as vasculitis, arthritis, haemolytic anaemia, thyroid dysfunction and lupus erythematosus have been rarely observed. **SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR THE 18MU/3ML MULTI-DOSE VIAL:** Each vial to be used by a single patient, using aseptic technique. A new needle and plastic syringe should be used for each dose, the top of the vial sterilised before each withdrawal. After opening, the contents are stable for 30 days at 5°C, vials should be dated after withdrawal of the first dose. Single dose vials NOT to be used for multiple dosing. **DRUG INTERACTIONS:** CNS active drugs and those metabolised by oxidative enzymes. Additive toxicity with neuroleptic, haemostatic, or cardiotonic agents. May reduce clearance of theophylline. **PREGNANCY:** Avoid (Use only where potential benefit outweighs risk in females). Contraception to be used in fertile males and females. Avoid in breast feeding. Known abortifacient in primates. **SIDE-EFFECTS AND ADVERSE REACTIONS:** **General symptoms:** influenza-like symptoms (respond to paracetamol). **GI tract:** nausea and anorexia. **GI upset and rarely GI bleeds or reactivation of peptic ulcer.** **Liver function:** Altered liver function tests; rare reports of hepatitis and liver failure. **CNS symptoms:** Uncommonly, dizziness, vertigo, visual disturbances, forgetfulness, depression, drowsiness, confusion, nervousness and sleep disturbances; rare reports of suicidal behaviour, ischaemic retinopathy, convulsions, severe somnolence and coma. **Peripheral nervous system:** Occasionally sensory and motor neuropathies. **Cardiovascular & pulmonary:** Transient BP fluctuations, oedema, cyanosis, arrhythmias, palpitations and chest pain. Rarely, myocardial infarction, congestive cardiac failure, pulmonary oedema, pneumonia and cardiorespiratory arrest. Rarely coughing, mild dyspnoea. **Skin, mucous membranes etc.:** Rarely herpes labialis exacerbation, rash, pruritus, dryness, rhinorrhoea and epistaxis; reversible alopecia. **Nasal:** Rarely nasal

impairment; olfactory disturbances; prothrombin, interstitial nephritis; rare olfactory in BUN, serum creatinine and urea acid. **Haematological:** Transient leucopenia; thrombocytopenia; rarely decreased haemoglobin and haematocrit. Some changes normalise by 7-10 days post-treatment. **Other:** Inconsequential hypocalcaemia; hyperglycaemia; injection site reaction; abnormal triglycerides, lipaemia; development of neutralising antibodies, in patients with hepatitis C a trend for loss of response in responding patients who develop such antibodies has been seen, no other clinical sequelae clearly documented. **LEGAL CATEGORY:** POM. **PRESCRIPTIONS AND BASIC NHS COST:** **Pre-filled syringes:** 3 million IU interferon alfa-2a (rbe) in 0.5ml £16.00 4.5 million IU interferon alfa-2a (rbe) in 0.5ml £25.44 6 million IU interferon alfa-2a (rbe) in 0.5ml £30.92 9 million IU interferon alfa-2a (rbe) in 0.5ml £38.00 **Single dose vials:** 3 million IU interferon alfa-2a (rbe) in 1ml £16.00 4.5 million IU interferon alfa-2a (rbe) in 1ml £25.44 6 million IU interferon alfa-2a (rbe) in 1ml £30.92 9 million IU interferon alfa-2a (rbe) in 1ml £38.00 Each presentation includes a disposable syringe for IM or SC injections. **Multi-dose vial:** 18 million IU interferon alfa-2a (rbe) in 3 ml in packs of 3 vials £305.31 **PRODUCT LICENCE NUMBERS:** **Pre-filled Syringes:** PL 0031/0405 (3 MU/0.5ml); PL 0031/0406 (4.5 MU/0.5ml); PL 0031/0407 (6 MU/0.5ml); PL 0031/0408 (9 MU/0.5ml) **Vials:** PL 0031/0409 (3 MU/1ml); PL 0031/0410 (4.5 MU/1ml); PL 0031/0412 (6 MU/1ml); PL 0031/0413 (9 MU/1ml). PL 0031/0404 (18 MU/3ml multi-dose vial) **PRODUCT LICENCE HOLDER:** Roche Products Limited, PO Box 8, Welwyn Garden City, Herts., AL7 3JG. Full prescribing information available on request. **ROFERON-A** is a registered trademark. **DATE OF PREPARATION:** January 1997







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
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and renal function. Prolonged or repeated use of clarithromycin may result in an overgrowth of non-susceptible bacteria or fungi. If superinfection occurs, clarithromycin should be discontinued and appropriate therapy instituted. Caution in patients taking drugs metabolised by the cytochrome P450 system as there may be elevations in their serum levels. H. pylori organisms may develop resistance to clarithromycin in a small number of patients. **Interactions:** Potentiation of astemizole, theophylline, digoxin, warfarin and carbamazepine. Interaction of Klaricid tablets with simultaneously administered zidovudine in adults. No interaction with oral contraceptives. **Side-effects:** Klaricid is generally well tolerated. Side-effects include nausea, dyspepsia, vomiting, diarrhoea and rarely pseudomembranous colitis, abdominal pain, headache, taste perversion, reversible tongue discoloration, glossitis, stomatitis and oral monilia. Allergic reactions including anaphylaxis and Stevens-Johnson syndrome, and transient central nervous system side-effects have been reported. Hepatic dysfunction has

also been reported. There have been reports of hearing loss which is usually reversible on withdrawal of therapy. **Use in Pregnancy and Lactation:** The safety of Klaricid during pregnancy and breast feeding has not been established, and therefore if a patient becomes pregnant Klaricid should only be used if the benefits outweigh risks. Clarithromycin has been found in the milk of lactating animals and humans. **Overdose:** Should be treated with gastric lavage and supportive measures. **Legal Category:** POM. **Marketing Authorisation Number:** PL 0037/0254: 20 or 42 tablet calendar blister pack. **Basic NHS Price:** 500mg b.d. £3.21 per day; 500mg t.d.s. £4.82 per day.

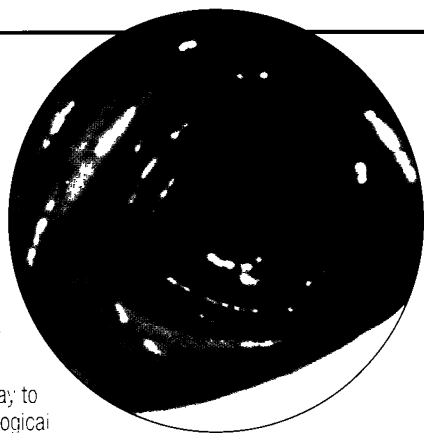
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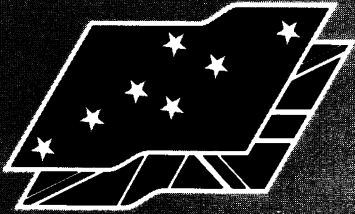
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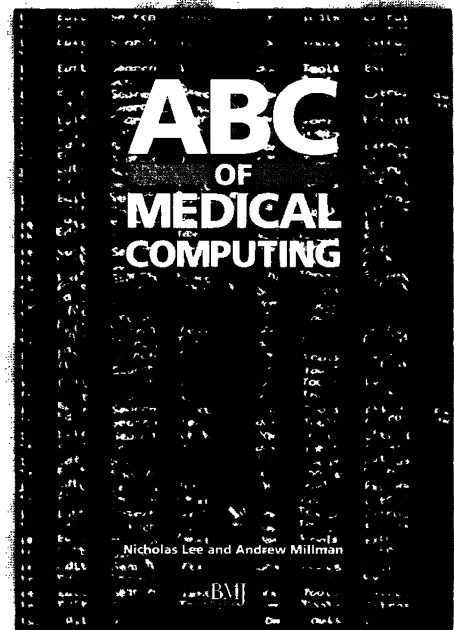
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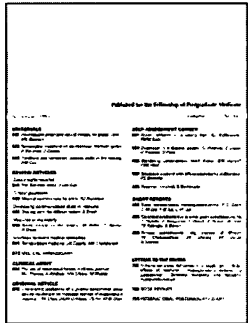
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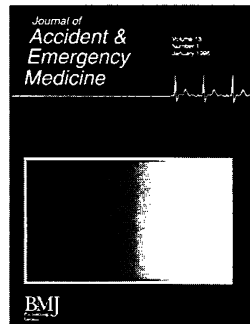
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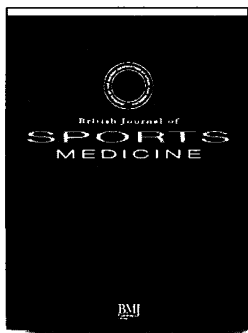
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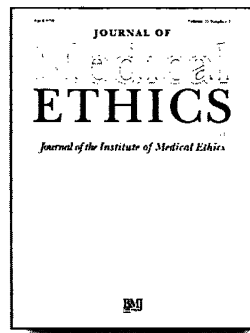
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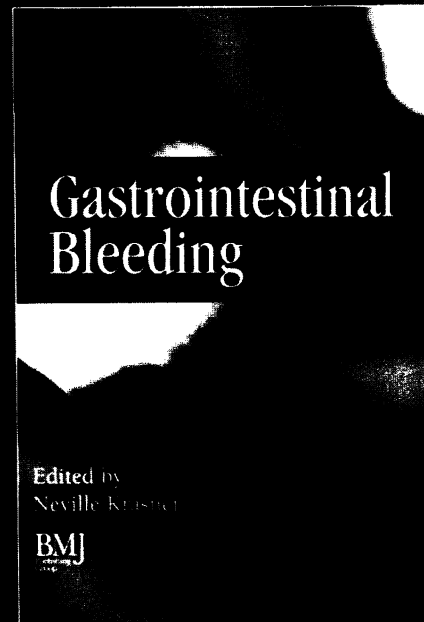
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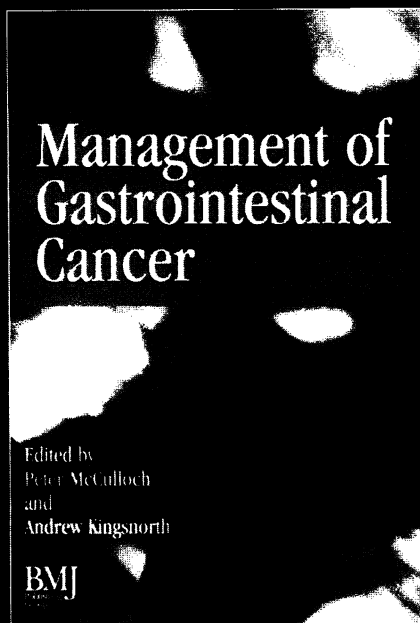
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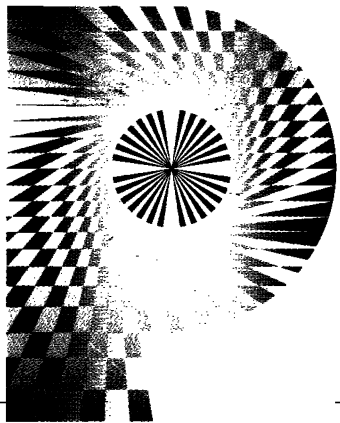
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