# Instructions for Use Pantoprazole Sodium (pan-TOE-pra-zole SOE-dee-um) for Delayed-Release Oral Suspension

## Important information:

- Do not split, chew, or crush pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension.
- Take pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension about 30 minutes before a meal.
- Pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension:
  - o should only be taken with applesauce or apple juice.
  - o should not be mixed in water or other liquids, or other foods.
  - o packet should **not** be divided to make a smaller dose.

#### Taking pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension with applesauce:

- 1. Open the packet of pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension.
- 2. Sprinkle all of the granules in the packet on 1 teaspoon of applesauce.
- 3. Swallow the granules and applesauce **within 10 minutes** of putting the granules on the teaspoon of applesauce.
- 4. Take sips of water to make sure the granules are washed down into the stomach. Take more sips of water as needed.

# Taking pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension with apple juice:

- 1. Open the packet of pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension.
- 2. Empty all of the granules in the packet into a small cup that contains 1 teaspoon of apple juice.
- 3. Stir the granules-apple juice mixture for 5 seconds. The granules will not break up.
- 4. Swallow the mixture right away.
- 5. To make sure that the entire dose is taken, add more apple juice to the cup, stir and swallow the apple juice right away.
- 6. Repeat step 5 if there are granules left in the cup.

# Giving pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension through a nasogastric (NG) tube or gastrostomy tube:

 Pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension may be given through an NG tube or gastrostomy tube that is size 16 French or larger. Do not give pantoprazole sodium for

- delayed-release oral suspension through an NG tube or gastrostomy tube smaller than size 16 French.
- Mix pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension only in apple juice when giving through an NG tube or gastrostomy tube.
  - 1. Remove the plunger from a 60 mL (2 ounce) catheter-tip syringe. Throw away the plunger.
  - 2. Connect the tip of the catheter-tip syringe to the NG tube or gastrostomy tube.
  - 3. Hold the syringe attached to the NG tube or gastrostomy tube as high as possible while giving pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension to prevent the tubing from bending.
  - 4. Open the packet of pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension.
  - 5. Empty all the granules in the packet into the catheter-tip syringe.
  - 6. Add 10 mL (2 teaspoons) of apple juice into the catheter-tip syringe and gently tap or shake the syringe to help empty the syringe.
  - 7. Repeat step 6 at least 2 more times until there are no granules left in the catheter-tip syringe.

### How should I store pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension?

Store pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F); excursions permitted to 15° to 30°C (59° to 86°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].

Keep pantoprazole sodium for delayed-release oral suspension and all medicines out of the reach of children.

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