

AbSucralfate™

Sucralfate BP 5.0g Relief of Equine Ulcers

COMPOSITION

Each sachet contains; Sucralfate BP... 5.0g (As film coated granules) product information

DESCRIPTION

AbSucralfate™ as easy-to-measure, easy-to-feed, flavourless, bright green, film coated granules of sucralfate. Sucralfate is an aluminum salt of sucrose.

Sucralfate is not absorbed or metabolized in the body. When ingested, the acidic environment of the stomach forms a thick viscous compound that adheres to the ulcer site, acting as a protective film. It will provide protection for approximately six (6) to eight (8) hours at a time.

INDICATIONS

Sucralfate is a cytoprotective agent for the symptomatic treatment of equine glandular gastric ulcer disease (EGUD) and non glandular ulcers also known as - equine squameous gastric ulcer disease (ESGUD)

Sucralfate has not been clinically proven to heal hindgut acidiosis - colonic ulcers (right dorsal colitis) RDC. However, sucralfate is well known as a cytoprotective agent. It binds to GI mucosa, and acts as a "band-aid" to the ulcer crater, offering relief from pain associated with ulcers.

When sucralfate is administered in conjunction with omeprazole, sucralfate will coat the ulcer, avoiding further acid damage.

Regime: Length of administration depends on the condition, severity and type of ulcer being treated. The following dosage example is based on a horse weighing 450kg (990lb)

Non Glandular - Squamous Ulcers - Loading or active treatment dose:
Week 1 - 4: Omeprazole - 2 x sachets, once per day x 28 days.
Week 1 - 3: Sucralfate - 3 x sachets, two times per day for up to 21 days

Maintenance or preventative dose:

- Sucralfate: Gradually reduce to 1 x sachet, once per day.
 Omeprazole: Gradually reduce to 1 x sachet, once per day.

- Glandular Ulcers Loading or active treatment dose:
 Week 1 6: Omeprazole 2 x sachets, once per day
 Week 6 8: Omeprazole 2 x sachets, once per day (if required)
 Week 1 3: Sucralfate 3 x sachets, two times per day
 Week 3 8: Sucralfate 2 x sachets, two times per day

Maintenance or preventative dose:

Ongoing: Sucralfate 1 x sachet, two times per day

Hindgut - Colonic Ulcers - Right Dorsal Colitis(RDC)

Sucralfate has not been clinically proven to heal colonic ulcers. However, sucralfate is well known as a cytoprotective agent. It binds to GI mucosa, and acts as a "band-aid" to the ulcer crater, offering relief from pain associated with ulcers.

- Recommended dosage:
 Week 1 6: Sucralfate 3 x sachets, two times per day
 Ongoing: Sucralfate 1 x sachets, two times per day
- ##Omeprazole is not effective for treating Hindgut

ADMINISTRATION

Most effective given in the morning when stomach is less likely to be as full.

Best administered 30 minutes prior to omeprazole (and any other medications) due to interactions.

- Sprinkle onto a small feed (i.e. a few handfuls of moistened chaff.
- Mixed with water and administered via oral syringe.
- Mixed into a paste and smeared onto apples or carrots.

If a dose is missed, give as soon as possible, if next dose is within a few hours of the normal schedule, wait, and give at the regular time. Do not double the dose.

OVERDOSAGE

Difficulties due to overdose are very unlikely.

SIDE EFFECTS

Adverse effects have not been reported as sucralfate is not absorbed systemically. Constipation is a possible side effect - any signs, consult your Vet.

INTERACTIONS OR CONTRAINDICATIONS

Sucralfate can decrease the absorption of many drugs including Omeprazole (PPI's) and should not be given within two hours of most other oral medications.

TOXICITY

Sucralfate appears to be very well tolerated in horses.

WARNINGS

Do not use on horses intended for human consumption.

Keep out of reach of children.

Veterinary use only.

STORAGE

Store in a cool dry atmosphere away from extreme heat.

Store/Transport at 20° to 30°C (68° to 86°F).

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