

Gelusil-S

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PROPRIETARY NAME AND DOSAGE FORM:
GELUSIL-S tablets

COMPOSITION:

GELUSIL-S: Each tablet contains 200 mg aluminium hydroxide dried gel, 200 mg magnesium hydroxide and 20 mg simethicone (activated methylpolysiloxane). (Magnesium content: 3.4 mmol per tablet)

Inactive ingredients:

Confectioners' sugar, magnesium stearate, mannitol, natural lemon flavour (ICC-26353), spearmint oil redistilled.

GELUSIL-S tablets contain sugar: 594 mg/tablet and mannitol 120 mg/tablet

PHARMACOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION:

A 11.4.1 Antacids – Acid neutralisers.

PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTION:

GELUSIL-S is a combination of two antacids, aluminium hydroxide and magnesium hydroxide as well as an anti-foaming agent, simethicone. Simethicone breaks down barriers of foaming mucus, thereby providing effective anti-flatulent action.

INDICATIONS:

GELUSIL-S is indicated for the relief of hyperacidity and flatulence associated with heartburn, gastritis and acid indigestion and as an adjunctive treatment in peptic ulcers.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Known hypersensitivity to aluminium hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, simethicone or any of the excipients of **GELUSIL-S**
- Patients with impaired renal function or renal failure
- Patients who are severely debilitated
- Contraindicated in children.

WARNINGS AND SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS:

Aluminium hydroxide may cause constipation and magnesium salts overdose may cause hypomotility of the bowel; large doses of **GELUSIL-S** may trigger or aggravate intestinal obstruction and ileus in patients at higher risk such as those with renal impairment, or the elderly.

Aluminium hydroxide is not well absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract, and systemic effects are therefore rare in patients with normal renal function. However, excessive doses or long-term use, or even normal doses in patients with low-phosphorus diets, may lead to phosphate depletion (due to aluminium-phosphate binding) accompanied by increased bone resorption and hypercalcaemia with the risk of osteomalacia. Medical advice is recommended in case of long-term use or in patients at risk of phosphate depletion.

In patients with renal impairment, plasma levels of both aluminium and magnesium increase. In these patients, a long-term exposure to high doses of aluminium and magnesium salts may lead to dementia or microcytic anaemia.

Aluminium hydroxide may be unsafe in patients with porphyria undergoing haemodialysis.

Magnesium hydroxide may cause diarrhoea, an effect that is dose-dependent. Hypermagnesaemia may occur, usually in patients with renal impairment.

Effects on ability to drive and use machines:

GELUSIL-S has no or negligible influence on the ability to operate hazardous machinery, including motor vehicles.

Information on excipients of GELUSIL-S:

GELUSIL-S contains confectioners' sugar. Patients with rare hereditary conditions such as fructose intolerance, glucose-galactose mal-absorption or sucrose-isomaltase insufficiency should not take **GELUSIL-S**.

GELUSIL-S contains confectioners' sugar which may have an effect on the glycaemic control of patients with *diabetes mellitus*.

INTERACTIONS:

- In general, patients should be advised not to take any oral medication within at least 2 hours of taking **GELUSIL-S**
- GELUSIL-S** used concurrently with oral tetracyclines, rifampicin, ciprofloxacin, cefdinir, cefpodoxime, methenamine, digoxin, quinidine, oral iron preparations, anticholinergic medicines, barbiturates, quinines, warfarin, vitamins, H₂ receptor antagonists, oral isoniazid, sucralfate, sodium fluoride, ketoconazole, phenytoin, phenothiazines, hydroxychloroquine, chloroquine, chlorpromazine, levothyroxine and rosuvastatin may reduce the absorption of these medicines
- Levothyroxine may also bind to simethicone which may delay or reduce the absorption of levothyroxine
- Caution is advised when used concomitantly with polystyrene sulphate due to the potential risk of reduced effectiveness of the resin in binding potassium of metabolic alkalosis in patients with renal failure (reported with aluminium hydroxide and magnesium hydroxide), and of intestinal obstruction (reported with aluminium hydroxide)
- Aluminium hydroxide and citrates may result in increased aluminium levels, especially in patients with renal impairment.

PREGNANCY AND LACTATION:

Safety in pregnancy and lactation has not been established.

DOSAGE AND DIRECTIONS FOR USE:

Adults (including the elderly):
The usual dosage is one or two tablets chewed or allowed to disintegrate in the mouth 4 to 8 times a day, preferably between meals, or as directed by a doctor or pharmacist.

Do not take more than 16 tablets in a 24 hour period.
Do not use the maximum dosage of **GELUSIL-S** for more than 2 weeks, except under the advice or supervision of a doctor.

Children:

Not recommended for use in children (see **CONTRAINDICATIONS**).

SIDE EFFECTS:

System Organ Class	Frequency	Side Effects
Immune system disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Hypersensitivity reactions, pruritus, urticaria, angioedema, anaphylactic reactions
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Hypermagnesaemia* (due to prolonged use, large doses and/or renal disease). Symptoms may include flushing of the skin, thirst, hypotension due to peripheral vasodilation, drowsiness, confusion, loss of tendon reflexes due to neuromuscular blockade, muscle weakness, respiratory depression, cardiac dysrhythmias, coma and cardiac arrest Hyperalbuminemia, hyperphosphatemia, low-phosphate diets may lead to phosphate depletion with increased bone resorption and hypercalcaemia with the risk of osteomalacia**
Psychiatric disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Encephalopathy and dementia in patients with chronic renal failure receiving high doses,** confusion
Nervous system disorders*	<i>Less frequent</i>	Drowsiness, neuromuscular blockade, coma
Cardiac disorders*	<i>Less frequent</i>	Cardiac dysrhythmias, cardiac arrest
Vascular disorders*	<i>Less frequent</i>	Peripheral vasodilation, hypotension due to peripheral vasodilation
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders*	<i>Less frequent</i>	Respiratory depression
Gastrointestinal disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Nausea**, vomiting**, diarrhoea**, constipation**, intestinal obstruction due to large doses**, ileus, thirst
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders*	<i>Less frequent</i>	Flushing of the skin
Musculoskeletal, connective tissue and bone disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Loss of tendon reflexes due to neuromuscular blockade*, muscle weakness*, osteomalacia due to high doses in patients with low-phosphate diets and patients with chronic renal failure**
Renal and urinary disorders	<i>Less frequent</i>	Renal dysfunction, renal failure.

* Side effects specific to magnesium

** Side effects specific to aluminium hydroxide

KNOWN SYMPTOMS OF OVERDOSAGE AND PARTICULARS OF ITS TREATMENT:

Serious symptoms are unlikely following overdose. Reported symptoms of acute overdose with **GELUSIL-S** include diarrhoea, abdominal pain, vomiting.

Large doses of this product may trigger or aggravate intestinal obstruction and ileus in patients at risk (see **WARNINGS AND SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS**).

Aluminium and magnesium are eliminated through urinary route; treatment of acute overdose consists of administration of IV calcium gluconate, rehydration and forced diuresis. In case of renal function deficiency, haemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis is necessary.

IDENTIFICATION:

GELUSIL-S: A white, round, bevel-edged tablet with a lemon-spearmint odour and taste.

PRESENTATION:

GELUSIL-S: PVC Aluminium blister packs of 24 tablets, contained in a printed outer carton.

STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS:

Store at or below 25 °C.
Do not remove blister from the carton until required for use.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

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GELUSIL-S tablets

Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.

GELUSIL-S is available without a doctor's prescription, for you to treat a mild illness. Nevertheless, you still need to use **GELUSIL-S** carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Do not share **GELUSIL-S** with any other person.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- You must see a doctor if your symptoms worsen or do not improve.

1. WHAT GELUSIL-S CONTAINS:

The active substances in **GELUSIL-S** are aluminium hydroxide dried gel, magnesium hydroxide and simethicone (activated methylpolysiloxane).

Each **GELUSIL-S** tablet contains 200 mg aluminium hydroxide dried gel, 200 mg magnesium hydroxide and 20 mg simethicone. (Magnesium content: 3.4 mmol per tablet).

The other ingredients are confectioners' sugar, magnesium stearate, mannitol, natural lemon flavour, spearmint oil redistilled.

GELUSIL-S tablets contain sugar: 594 mg/tablet and mannitol 120 mg/tablet

2. WHAT GELUSIL-S IS USED FOR:

GELUSIL-S belongs to a group of medicines called antacids.

GELUSIL-S is used:

- for the relief of dyspepsia (indigestion)
- for heartburn, bloating or flatulence (excessive gas)
- in the management of stomach ulcers, as an adjunctive treatment.

3. BEFORE YOU TAKE GELUSIL-S:

Do not take GELUSIL-S:

- if you are hypersensitive (allergic) to aluminium hydroxide, magnesium, simethicone or any of the other ingredients of **GELUSIL-S** (see **WHAT GELUSIL-S CONTAINS**)
- if you have kidney failure (swelling of legs, ankles and feet), and if you have impaired kidney function (you don't pass or pass very little urine per day)
- if you are debilitated (feeling very weak and have no energy).

GELUSIL-S should not be given to children (see **HOW TO TAKE GELUSIL-S**).

Take special care with GELUSIL-S:

- if you are on a low phosphorus diet as the use of **GELUSIL-S** may lead to the softening of your bones (osteomalacia)
- if you have porphyria (a rare hereditary disease in which there is abnormal metabolism of the blood pigment haemoglobin) and are undergoing haemodialysis

- high doses of **GELUSIL-S** may trigger or aggravate intestinal obstruction with symptoms such as cramping abdominal pain, nausea, constipation
- if you have kidney problems as long term exposure may lead to the loss of your ability to think and reason or a blood disorder called microcytic anaemia

- high doses of **GELUSIL-S** may cause diarrhoea and hypermagnesaemia (a condition in which there is a high level of magnesium in the blood) in people with kidney problems
- if you are an elderly patient

Your doctor may request tests to monitor your condition before or during treatment.

Taking GELUSIL-S with food and drink:

GELUSIL-S must preferably be taken between meals.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding:

Safety:
Safe use of **GELUSIL-S** during pregnancy and breastfeeding has not been established.

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding your baby, please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other healthcare professional for advice before taking **GELUSIL-S**.

Driving and using machinery:

GELUSIL-S should not impair your ability to drive or operate heavy machines.

Important information about some of the ingredients of GELUSIL-S:

GELUSIL-S contains confectioners' sugar. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking **GELUSIL-S**.

GELUSIL-S contains confectioners' sugar which may have an effect on the control of your blood sugar if you have *diabetes mellitus*.

Taking other medicines with GELUSIL-S:

Always tell your healthcare professional if you are taking other medicine. (This includes complementary or traditional medicines.)

Do not take any other oral medication within at least 2 hours of taking **GELUSIL-S**.

GELUSIL-S may reduce the absorption of the following medicines:

- Certain antibiotics (such as oral tetracyclines, rifampicin, ciprofloxacin, cefdinir, cefpodoxime, methenamine)
- Certain anti-fungal medicines (such as ketoconazole)
- Medicines called quinines used in the prevention of malaria and treatment of rheumatoid arthritis (such as hydroxychloroquine, chloroquine)
- Medicines that alter the heart rate (such as digoxin or quinidine)
- Certain medicines used to treat mental conditions (such as chlorpromazine)
- Certain medicines used to treat an underactive thyroid (such as levothyroxine)

as the effect of these medicines may be reduced by **GELUSIL-S**

- Medicines used to treat high levels of potassium in your blood (such as polystyrene sulphate) as the effect of these medicines may be reduced by **GELUSIL-S**
- Vitamins, as the effect of vitamins may be reduced
- Medicines used to treat tuberculosis (isoniazid, rifampicin)
- Other medicine used to reduce the stomach acid called H₂ antagonists
- Phenytoin used to treat epilepsy
- Oral iron preparations which are used to prevent and treat iron deficiency
- Medicines that are used to block involuntary muscle movements
- Sedatives and sleep-inducing medicines made of barbituric acid
- Medicines that contain warfarin which are used to reduce the formation of blood clots



- Medicines used to treat active duodenal ulcers such as sucralfate
- Medicines containing the chemical sodium fluoride which are used to prevent dental cavities
- Medicines used to treat schizophrenia (such as phenothiazine)
- Medicines containing rosuvastatin used to prevent heart diseases and lower cholesterol made by the liver.

Medicines which may result in increased aluminium levels in the blood include:

- Antacids and ulcer medication, especially in people who suffer from kidney problems.

4. HOW TO TAKE GELUSIL-S:

Do not share medicines prescribed for you with any other person. Always take **GELUSIL-S** exactly as instructed in this leaflet. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure.

Adults (including the elderly):

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Do not take more than 16 tablets in a 24 hour period.
Do not use the maximum dosage of **GELUSIL-S** for more than 2 weeks, except under the advice or supervision of a doctor.

Children:

Not recommended for use in children.
If you have the impression that the effect of **GELUSIL-S** is too strong or too weak, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

If you take more GELUSIL-S than you should:

In the event of an overdose, contact your doctor or pharmacist. If neither is available, contact the nearest hospital or poison control centre. Symptoms of overdose may include diarrhoea, abdominal pain, vomiting.

If you forget to take a dose of GELUSIL-S:

If you forget to take a dose of **GELUSIL-S**, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and continue to take the tablet or tablets at the usual time. Do not take a double or larger dose to make up for the forgotten individual doses.

5. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS:

GELUSIL-S may have side effects. Not all side effects reported for **GELUSIL-S** are included in this leaflet. Should your general health worsen, or if you experience any untoward effects while taking **GELUSIL-S** please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other healthcare professional for advice.

If any of the following happens, stop taking **GELUSIL-S** and tell your doctor immediately or go to the casualty department at your nearest hospital:

- swelling of the hands, feet, ankles, lips, mouth or throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing
- rash or itching.

These are all very serious side effects. If you have them, you may have had a serious allergic reaction to **GELUSIL-S**. You may need serious medical attention or hospitalisation.

Tell your doctor immediately or go the casualty department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of the following:

- hypermagnesaemia: a condition where there is an unusually high level of magnesium in your body (you may experience flushing of the skin, thirst, feeling dizzy or light-headed, drowsiness, confusion, muscle weakness or tightness, breathing problems, fast or irregular heartbeat)
- discomfort or pain in your chest, shortness of breath as these may be symptoms of a heart attack
- irregular heart beat (cardiac dysrhythmias), coma
- difficulty in breathing
- difficulty focusing, memory loss, trouble with problem-solving skills (possible signs of brain disease)
- low blood pressure (feeling dizzy)
- abnormal kidney function such as less urine than normal, fatigue and weakness
- bone pain, bones that fracture easily (osteomalacia).

These are all serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following:

- Less frequent:*
- changes in the levels of certain chemicals in the blood and urine which are usually detected by blood and urine tests (electrolyte imbalance)
- drowsiness, confusion, memory loss, subtle change in personality, impaired reasoning, light headedness
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, constipation, cramping abdominal pain, nausea, thirst
- flushing of the skin
- loss of tendon reflexes, muscle weakness.

If you notice any side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please inform your doctor or pharmacist.

6. STORING AND DISPOSING OF GELUSIL-S:

Store at or below 25 °C.
Do not remove blister from the carton until required for use.
Store all medicines out of reach of children.

Do not use after the expiry date stated on the label and carton.
Return all unused medicine to your pharmacist.

Do not dispose of unused medicine in drains or sewerage systems (e.g. toilets).

7. PRESENTATION OF GELUSIL-S:

GELUSIL-S:
PVC Aluminium blister packs of 24 tablets, contained in a printed outer carton.

8. IDENTIFICATION OF GELUSIL-S:

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