

1. What is Cisapride?

Cisapride is a medicine that used in delayed gastric motility (Food taking longer to move through the gut), Heartburn (Upset stomach characterized by stomach pain and burning), dyspepsia (nausea and excess gas) . It has been also used to treat bowel constipation.

2. Why is the product Cisapride banned?

In many countries it has been either withdrawn or has had its indications limited due to reports about cardiac arrhythmias (irregular beating of heart) with highest strength Cisapride. All patients require ECG and renal functions test before and during the treatment. There are other alternative safer products with similar action in the market.

3. What was done to address these safety concerns by DRA?

The DRA has notified the prescribers, pharmacy/medical shops and other dealers to stop importing and selling/dispensing products containing Cisapride.

4. How will I know if my products contain Cisapride?

Drug products containing this ingredient may be identified by looking for "Cisapride" in the list of active ingredients on the label. If you are still unsure, check with the Pharmacy department, JDWNRH or contact DRA.

5. What are there other medicines of the same category available in the market? One of similar products in the market is mosapride (which is still in use).

6. How can I report a suspected side effect with any medicine?

You can report an adverse drug reaction at National Pharmacovigilance Centre, Pharmacy Department, JDWNR Hospital, Thimphu Bhutan, Tel: +975-2-322420 (ext 231),

[Email: pharmcentre@druknet.bt](mailto:pharmcentre@druknet.bt)

7. If I have questions about drug products whom can I contact?

Drug Regulatory Authority, Royal Government of Bhutan, P.O. Box No. 1556, Thimphu, Bhutan.

Telephone: EPABX: 00975-2-337074/339015, Drug Inspector: 337075/337076, Fax No:

00975-2-335803 [Email:info@dra.gov.bt](mailto:info@dra.gov.bt), URL: <http://www.dra.gov.bt>