occasionally released into the stomach and causes relaxation of the lower oesophageal sphincter and heartburn, the capsules should not be prescribed with meals or to patients with achlorhydria.

Peppermint oil in enteric-coated capsules appears to be an effective and safe preparation for symptomatic treatment of the irritable bowel syndrome.

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Drug names that look or sound alike

We have compiled the following list of drug names that look or sound alike from reports by our pharmacy staff and by searching through journals.

Acetazolamide
Acetohexamide
"Achromycin"
"Acriflex"
"Actidil"
"Actifed"
"Actifed"
"Aldactide"
"Aldactone"
Amitriptyline
"Anaflex"
"Anovlar"
"Anthisan"
"Antistin"
"Antoin"
"Anturan"
"Aramine"
"Artane"
"Asilone"
"Atarax"
"Ativan"
"Atromid"
"Aureomycin"
"Avomine"

"Beconase"
"Becotide"
"Benemid"
"Benoral"
"Benoxyl"
"Benuride"
Bethanecol
Bethanidine
"Betnelan"
"Betnesol"
"Betnesol"
"Bextasol"
Biogastrone"
"Bradosol"
"Brasivol"
"Butacote"
"Butomet"
"Butazolidin"

Acetohexamide
Acetazolamide
"Aureomycin"
"Anaflex"
"Actifed"
"Actidil"
"Linctifed"
"Aldactone"
"Aldactide"
Nortriptyline
"Acriflex"
"Minovlar"
"Antistin"
"Anturan"
"Anthisan"
"Artane"
"Anturan"
"Avomine"
"Antoin"
"Ilosone"
"Ativan"
"Atarax"
"Clomid"
"Achromycin"
"Aramine"

"Becotide"
"Beconase"
"Benuride"
"Benoxyl"
"Benoral"
"Benemid"
Bethanidine
Bethanecol
"Betnesol"
"Betnelan"
"Bextasol"
"Duogastrone"
"Brasivol"
"Bradosol"
"Butamet"
"Butacote"
"Parazolidin"

"Cafergot"
"Candeptin"
"Canesten"
"Carbrital"
"Carbrital"
"Carbromal"
"Ceporex"
"Ceporex"
"Ceporin"
"Cetiprin"
"Cetiprin"
"Septtrin"
Chlorpromazine
Chlorpropamide
Clindamycin
"Clinimycin"
"Clomid"
Clomiphene
Clomiphene
Clonidine
Clomipramine
Clomiphene
Clotrimazole
Clotrimazole
"Codis tabs"
"Corlan"
"Cortelan"
"Cortil"
"Cortisyl"
"Cortistab"
"Cortril"
Co-trimazine
Co-trimoxazole
Clotrimazole
Co-trimazine
"Cytacn"
"Cytamen"

"Danol"
"Daonil"
"Dehydrocholin"
"Demulen"
"Deseril"
"Desferal"
"Dexedrine"
"Dexamed"
"Dexedrine"
"Glibenese"

Digitoxin
Digoxin
Dihydrocodeine
"Dimotane"
"Dimotane LA"
"Dimotapp"
Dipyridamole
Disopyramide
"Donnatal LA"
Dothiepin
Doxepin
"Duogastrone"
"Durabolin"
"Duromine"
"Durenate"
"Duromine"
"Dytac"
"Dytide"

"Effergot"
Ergometrine
Ergotamine
Ethinylestradiol
Ethinylestradiol

"Femergen"
"Femulen"
"Fucidin"
"Fucidin"
"Fulcin"
"Furacin"

"Gardenal"
"Gefarnil"
Glibenclamide
"Glibenese"
Glibornuride

Hydroxyzine
hydrochloride
Hydroxyzine
pamoate

"Ilosone"
Imipramine
"Imperacin"

"Keflex"
"Keflin"
"Keflex"
"Kinidin"
"Kemadrin"
"Kinidin"

"Lederspan"
"Lergoban"
Levallorphan
Levorphanol
"Limbital"
"Linctifed"

"Magmilor"
"Megaclor"
"Mestonin"
"Mestonin"
Methenamine
Methionine

Digoxin
Digitoxin
"Dehydrocholin"
"Dimotapp"
"Donnatal LA"
"Dimotane"
Disopyramide
Dipyridamole
"Dimotane LA"
Doxepin
"Dothiepin"
"Biogastrone"
"Orabolin"
"Durenate"
"Duromine"
"Dytac"

"Cafergot"
Ergotamine
Ergometrine
Ethinylestradiol
Ethinylestradiol

"Phenergan"
"Demulen"
"Fulcin"
"Furacin"
"Fucidin"
"Fucidin"

"Gefarnil"
"Gardenal"
Glibornuride
"Diabinese"
Glibenclamide

Hydroxyzine
pamoate
Hydroxyzine
hydrochloride

"Asilone"
"Imperacin"
Imipramine

"Keflin"
"Keflex"
"Kinidin"
"Kemadrin"

"Lergoban"
"Lederspan"
Levorphanol
Levallorphan
"Carbitol"
"Actifed"

"Midamor"
"Mogadon"
"Mesontoin"
"Mestonin"
Methionine
Methenamine

"Midamor"
"Minovlar"
"Mixogen"
"Mogadon"
"Molvate"
"Motipress"
"Motival"
"Molvate"

"Naxogin"
Nicotinamide
Nicotinic acid
Nortriptyline
"Nuelin"
"Nulacin"

"Orabolin"
"Durabolin"

"Panadol"
"Parazolidin"
"Parlodel"
"Pavacol"
Penicillamine
Penicillin
Penicillamine
Pentobarbitone
Perhexiline
"Phenergan"
Phenobarbitone
"Piriton"
"Ponstan"
"Piriton"
"Praxilene"
Prednisolone
Prednisone
"Priadel"
Promazine
Promethazine
"Prondol"

Quinidine
Quinine
Quinine
Quinidine

"Rifadin"
"Rifinah"
"Sandocal"
"Sando-K"
"Sando-K"
"Sartoten"
"Septtrin"
"Septtrin"
"Serenace"
"Serenid"
"Serenace"
"Sinthrome"
"Sintison"
Sulphamethizole
Sulphathiazole
Sulphamethizole
"Septtrin"

"Teronac"
"Teronac"
Trifluoperazine
Trifluoperidol
Trimipramine
Trimipramine
"Zarontin"
"Sartoten"

Proprietary names are given in quotation marks.

Comment

We do not claim that this list is comprehensive, but we think it will be useful to any doctor prescribing. We welcome any additions.

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