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Provincial Health Services Authority

Ranitidine

What it does:
Protects the stomach from ulcers and decreases stomach upset from heartburn or reflux.

How it works:
Decreases acid release in your stomach.

How to take it:
Usually the tablets are given twice daily but some people may take them only at bedtime. If you smoke, stopping will increase the effectiveness of this drug.

What to do if you miss a dose:
If you miss a dose, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If you do not remember the missed dose until it is almost time for the next dose, just skip the missed dose.

DO NOT DOUBLE YOUR DOSE OR TRY TO "CATCH UP" BY TAKING EXTRA DOSES.

Possible side effects:
Although it is rare, headaches, confusion, constipation, diarrhea and dizziness have been reported.

Use the space below to write down why you are taking this medication and other notes.