

Gastro-resistant tablet

CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 5 (does not apply to Octasa[®]), 25

▶ **Asacol MR** (Allergan Ltd)

Mesalazine 400 mg Asacol 400mg MR gastro-resistant tablets | 84 tablet [PoM] £27.45 DT = £27.45 | 168 tablet [PoM] £54.90

▶ **Octasa MR** (Tillicots Pharma Ltd)

Mesalazine 400 mg Octasa 400mg MR gastro-resistant tablets | 90 tablet [PoM] £16.58 DT = £16.58 | 120 tablet [PoM] £22.10

Mesalazine 800 mg Octasa 800mg MR gastro-resistant tablets | 90 tablet [PoM] £40.38 | 180 tablet [PoM] £80.75 DT = £80.75

▶ **Salofalk** (Dr. Falk Pharma UK Ltd)

Mesalazine 250 mg Salofalk 250mg gastro-resistant tablets | 100 tablet [PoM] £16.19 DT = £16.19

Mesalazine 500 mg Salofalk 500mg gastro-resistant tablets | 100 tablet [PoM] £32.38 DT = £32.38

Suppository▶ **Pentasa** (Ferring Pharmaceuticals Ltd)

Mesalazine 1 gram Pentasa 1g suppositories | 28 suppository [PoM] £40.01 DT = £40.01

▶ **Salofalk** (Dr. Falk Pharma UK Ltd)

Mesalazine 500 mg Salofalk 500mg suppositories | 30 suppository [PoM] £14.81 DT = £14.81

Mesalazine 1 gram Salofalk 1g suppositories | 30 suppository [PoM] £29.62

Modified-release granules

CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 25 (does not apply to Pentasa[®] granules)

▶ **Pentasa** (Ferring Pharmaceuticals Ltd)

Mesalazine 1 gram Pentasa 1g modified-release granules sachets sugar-free | 50 sachet [PoM] £30.74 DT = £30.74

Mesalazine 2 gram Pentasa 2g modified-release granules sachets sugar-free | 60 sachet [PoM] £73.78 DT = £73.78

▶ **Salofalk** (Dr. Falk Pharma UK Ltd)

Mesalazine 1 gram Salofalk 1g gastro-resistant modified-release granules sachets sugar-free | 50 sachet [PoM] £28.74 DT = £28.74

Mesalazine 1.5 gram Salofalk 1.5g gastro-resistant modified-release granules sachets sugar-free | 60 sachet [PoM] £48.85 DT = £48.85

Mesalazine 3 gram Salofalk 3g gastro-resistant modified-release granules sachets sugar-free | 60 sachet [PoM] £97.70 DT = £97.70

Enema▶ **Pentasa** (Ferring Pharmaceuticals Ltd)

Mesalazine 10 mg per 1 ml Pentasa Mesalazine 1g/100ml enema | 7 enema [PoM] £17.73 DT = £17.73

▶ **Salofalk** (Dr. Falk Pharma UK Ltd)

Mesalazine 33.9 mg per 1 ml Salofalk 2g/59ml enema | 7 enema [PoM] £29.92 DT = £29.92

Olsalazine sodium● **INDICATIONS AND DOSE****Treatment of acute attack of mild ulcerative colitis**

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Child 2–17 years: 500 mg twice daily, dose to be taken after food, then increased if necessary up to 1 g 3 times a day, dose to be increased over 1 week

Maintenance of remission of mild ulcerative colitis

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Child 2–17 years: Maintenance 250–500 mg twice daily, dose to be taken after food

- **UNLICENSED USE** Not licensed for use in children under 12 years.

- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: olsalazine

● **SIDE-EFFECTS**

- ▶ **Uncommon** Paraesthesia · tachycardia
- ▶ **Frequency not known** Palpitations · vision blurred

- **PREGNANCY** Manufacturer advises avoid unless potential benefit outweighs risk.

● **BREAST FEEDING**

Monitoring Monitor breast-fed infants for diarrhoea.

- **RENAL IMPAIRMENT** Use with caution; manufacturer advises avoid in significant impairment.

- **DIRECTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION** Capsules can be opened and contents sprinkled on food.

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug. Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: oral suspension, oral solution

Tablet

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▶ **Olsalazine sodium (Non-proprietary)**

Olsalazine sodium 500 mg Olsalazine 500mg tablets | 60 tablet [PoM] £161.00 DT = £161.00

Capsule

CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 21

▶ **Olsalazine sodium (Non-proprietary)**

Olsalazine sodium 250 mg Olsalazine 250mg capsules | 112 capsule [PoM] £144.00 DT = £144.00

Sulfasalazine**(Sulphasalazine)**

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● **INDICATIONS AND DOSE****Treatment of acute attack of mild to moderate and severe ulcerative colitis | Active Crohn's disease**

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Child 2–11 years: 10–15 mg/kg 4–6 times a day (max. per dose 1 g) until remission occurs; increased if necessary up to 60 mg/kg daily in divided doses

- ▶ Child 12–17 years: 1–2 g 4 times a day until remission occurs

▶ BY RECTUM

- ▶ Child 5–7 years: 500 mg twice daily
- ▶ Child 8–11 years: 500 mg, dose to be administered in the morning and 1 g, dose to be administered at night
- ▶ Child 12–17 years: 0.5–1 g twice daily

Maintenance of remission of mild to moderate and severe ulcerative colitis

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Child 2–11 years: 5–7.5 mg/kg 4 times a day (max. per dose 500 mg)
- ▶ Child 12–17 years: 500 mg 4 times a day

▶ BY RECTUM

- ▶ Child 5–7 years: 500 mg twice daily
- ▶ Child 8–11 years: 500 mg, dose to be administered in the morning and 1 g, dose to be administered at night
- ▶ Child 12–17 years: 0.5–1 g twice daily

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis

▶ BY MOUTH

- ▶ Child 2–11 years: Initially 5 mg/kg twice daily for 1 week, then 10 mg/kg twice daily for 1 week, then 20 mg/kg twice daily for 1 week; maintenance 20–25 mg/kg twice daily; maximum 2 g per day
- ▶ Child 12–17 years: Initially 5 mg/kg twice daily for 1 week, then 10 mg/kg twice daily for 1 week, then 20 mg/kg twice daily for 1 week; maintenance 20–25 mg/kg twice daily; maximum 3 g per day

- **UNLICENSED USE** Not licensed for use in children for juvenile idiopathic arthritis.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**SAFE PRACTICE**

Sulfasalazine has been confused with sulfadiazine; care must be taken to ensure the correct drug is prescribed and dispensed.

- **CONTRA-INDICATIONS** Child under 2 years of age

- **CAUTIONS** Acute porphyrias p. 624 · G6PD deficiency · history of allergy · history of asthma · maintain adequate fluid intake · risk of haematological toxicity · risk of hepatic toxicity · slow acetylator status