



Immune Treatment Programme Drugs' Common Side Effects *Patient Information Leaflet*

The prescribing doctor believes that this medicine would work well for your condition even though it is licensed for a different condition – when a medicine is used for a condition not stated in its licence, it is said to be “unlicensed”

Omeprazole

This drug belongs to a group called ‘proton pump inhibitors’. They work by reducing the amount of acid that your stomach produces. Omeprazole is mainly used to help reduce the acidic effect of steroids in the stomach.

Indication: For patients started on steroids such as Prednisolone, omeprazole is advised to prevent ulcers from forming in the stomach or gut lining.

Dose: 20mg tablet once a day before breakfast.

Pregnancy: Omeprazole is widely used in pregnancy. It is not known to be harmful to an unborn baby¹.

Side effects: Headache, effects on your stomach or gut such as diarrhoea, stomach pain or constipation. Nausea and or vomiting.

Reference:

¹ UKTIS 2019 *best use of medicines in pregnancy* www.medicinesinpregnancy.org

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