

## Summary of Product Characteristics

### 1 NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Nexium 40 mg Gastro-Resistant Tablets

### 2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each gastro-resistant tablet contains 40 mg esomeprazole (as magnesium trihydrate)

Excipient(s) with known effect:

Each gastro-resistant tablet contains sucrose.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1

### 3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Gastro resistant tablet

*Product imported from the UK, Greece, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Hungary, Belgium, Italy and Romania:*  
Pink, oblong, biconvex tablets with '40mg' on one side and 'A/EI' on the other.

### 4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

As per PA0970/027/002

### 5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

As per PA0970/027/002

### 6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

#### 6.1 List of excipients

Glycerol monostearate 40-55  
Hydroxypropyl cellulose  
Hypromellose  
Iron oxide (reddish-brown, yellow) (E172)  
Magnesium stearate  
Methacrylic acid ethyl acrylate copolymer (1:1) dispersion 30 per cent  
Microcrystalline cellulose  
Synthetic paraffin  
Macrogol 6000  
Polysorbate 80  
Crospovidone  
Sodium stearyl fumarate  
Sugar spheres (sucrose and maize starch)  
Talc  
Titanium dioxide (E171)  
Triethyl citrate

## 6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

## 6.3 Shelf life

The shelf-life expiry date of this product is the date shown on the container and outer package of the product on the market in the country of origin.

## 6.4 Special precautions for storage

Do not store above 30°C.

Store in the original package (blister) in order to protect from moisture.

## 6.5 Nature and contents of container

Blister or wallet packs of 28 or 30 Tablets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

## 6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

No special requirements for disposal.

### *Administration through gastric tube:*

1. Put the tablet into an appropriate syringe and fill the syringe with approximately 25 mL water and approximately 5 mL air. For some tubes, dispersion in 50 mL water is needed to prevent the pellets from clogging the tube.
2. Immediately shake the syringe for approximately 2 minutes to disperse the tablet.
3. Hold the syringe with the tip up and check that the tip has not clogged.
4. Attach the syringe to the tube whilst maintaining the above position.
5. Shake the syringe and position it with the tip pointing down. Immediately inject 5-10 mL into the tube. Invert the syringe after injection and shake (the syringe must be held with the tip pointing up to avoid clogging of the tip).
6. Turn the syringe with the tip down and immediately inject another 5-10 mL into the tube. Repeat this procedure until the syringe is empty.
7. Fill the syringe with 25 mL of water and 5 mL of air and repeat step 5 if necessary to wash down any sediment left in the syringe. For some tubes, 50 mL water is needed.

## 7 PARALLEL PRODUCT AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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## 8 PARALLEL PRODUCT AUTHORISATION NUMBER

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## 9 DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

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