



DESCRIPTION

Sucralfate is a cytoprotective agent used for the symptomatic treatment of equine glandular gastric ulcer disease (EGGD) and equine squamous gastric ulcer disease (ESGUD).

Sucralfate binds to gastrointestinal mucosa, and acts as a "band-aid" to the ulcer crater, offering relief from pain associated with ulcers.

Sucralfate has not been clinically proven to heal hindgut acidosis associated with colonic ulcers or right dorsal colitis (RDC).

When sucralfate is administered in conjunction with omeprazole, the sucralfate will coat the ulcer and reduce the occurrence of further acid damage.

Each dose of sucralfate is effective for 6-8 hours.

HOW MANY DO I NEED?

Sucralfate is used to treat a wide range of conditions; the treatment regime will alter depending on the severity and type of the ulcer.

NON GLANDULAR (SQUAMOUS) ULCERS

Treatment (in conjunction with omeprazole)

- Days 1 to 28: ONE sachet or scoop of **omeprazole** per 175kg (385lbs), administered as a single dose per day for 28 days.
- Days 1 to 21: ONE sachet or scoop of **sucralfate** per 165kg administered as a single dose either three times (ideal) or twice per day for 21 days.

Prevention (in conjunction with omeprazole)

After completing the treatment regime, gradually reduce the dosage of:

- **Omeprazole** to ONE sachet or scoop per 350kg (770lbs), administered as a single dose per day ongoing.
- **Sucralfate** to ONE sachet or scoop per 500kg (1100lbs), administered as a single dose once per day, ongoing.

GLANDULAR ULCERS

Treatment (in conjunction with omeprazole)

- Days 1 to 42: ONE sachet or scoop of **omeprazole** per 175kg (385lbs), administered as a single dose per day for 42 days.
- Days 43 to 56: ONE sachet or scoop of **omeprazole** per 175kg (385lbs), administered as a single dose per day for 14 days (if the condition persists).

- Days 1 to 21: ONE sachet or scoop of **sucralfate** per 165kg(365lbs), administered as a single dose either three times (ideal) or twice per day for 21 days.
- Days 22 to 56: ONE sachet or scoop of **sucralfate** per 330kg (990lbs), administered as a single dose either three times (ideal) or twice per day for 35 days.

Prevention

- ONE sachet or scoop of **sucralfate** per 500kg (1100lbs), administered as a single dose either three times (ideal) or twice per day.

HINDGUT ACIDOSIS ASSOCIATED WITH COLONIC ULCERS OR RIGHT DORSAL COLITIS (RDC)*

- Days 1 to 42: ONE sachet or scoop of **sucralfate** per 165kg (365lbs), administered as a single dose either three times (ideal)
- Day 43 and beyond: ONE sachet or scoop of **sucralfate** per 500kg(1100lbs) administered as a single dose twice per day, ongoing.

* Sucralfate has not been clinically proven to heal colonic ulcers, though it is known to act as a "band-aid" to the ulcer crater, offering relief from pain associated with ulcers.

COMPOSITION

Each sachet or scoop of film-coated granules contains 5.0g of sucralfate BP.

Treatment dosage of 30mg/kg (13mg/lb) of horse's bodyweight.

EXAMPLE DOSAGE CALCULATOR

The following fact sheets provide examples of ulcer treatment and prevention regimes, including the amount of medication required to complete a regime:

- Treating non-glandular (squamous) ulcers
- Treating glandular ulcers
- Treating hindgut acidosis associated with colonic ulcers or right dorsal colitis (RDC)

FEEDING TIPS

Sucralfate is most effective when administered:

- In the morning when the stomach is less likely to be full, and
- Give sucralfate at least 30minutes apart from other medication including omeprazole due to interactions.

FEEDING TIPS

- Sprinkle onto a small feed (i.e. a few handfuls of moistened chaff)
- Mix with water and administer via oral syringe
- Mix into a paste and smear onto apples or carrots

IMPORTANT

- If a sucralfate dose is missed and the next planned dose is within a few hours, wait and administer as per the normal schedule.
- Do not double-dose.

OVERDOSAGE

Adverse effects due to an overdose are very unlikely.

INTERACTIONS / CONTRAINDICATIONS

Sucralfate can decrease the absorption of many drugs, including omeprazole (PPI's), and should not be given within a minimum of 30minutes from other oral medications.

SIDE EFFECTS

- As sucralfate is not absorbed systematically, adverse effects have not been reported.
- Constipation is a possible side effect - consult your vet if signs present.

TOXICITY

Sucralfate appears to be very well tolerated in horses.

WARNINGS

- Do not treat horses intended for human consumption.
- Keep out of reach of children.
- Veterinary use only.

STORAGE

- Store in a cool dry atmosphere away from extreme heat.
- Store/Transport at and 20° to 30°C (68° to 86°F)