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PATIENT INFORMATION

Osetamivir phosphate Capsules USP, for oral use

(OH-sel-TAM-i-vir FOS-fate)

Rx Only

What is osetamivir phosphate capsule?

Osetamivir phosphate capsule is a prescription medicine used to:

- treat the flu (influenza) in people 2 weeks of age and older who have had flu symptoms for no more than two days.
- prevent the flu in people who are 1 year of age and older.

It is not known if osetamivir phosphate capsule is:

- effective in people who start treatment after 2 days of developing flu symptoms.
- effective for the treatment of the flu in people with long-time (chronic) heart problems or breathing problems.
- effective for the treatment or prevention of flu in people who have weakened immune systems (immunocompromised).
- safe and effective for the treatment of the flu in children less than 2 weeks of age.
- safe and effective in the prevention of the flu in children less than 1 year of age.

Osetamivir phosphate capsule does not treat or prevent illness that is caused by infections other than the influenza virus.

Osetamivir phosphate capsule does not prevent bacterial infections that may happen with the flu.

Osetamivir phosphate capsule is not recommended for people with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) who are not receiving dialysis.

Osetamivir phosphate capsule does not take the place of receiving a flu vaccination. Talk to your healthcare provider about when you should receive an annual flu vaccination.

Who should not take osetamivir phosphate capsule?

Do not take osetamivir phosphate capsule if you are allergic to osetamivir phosphate or any of the ingredients in osetamivir phosphate capsule. **See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in osetamivir phosphate capsule.**

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking osetamivir phosphate capsule?

Before you take osetamivir phosphate capsule, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have problems swallowing osetamivir phosphate capsules
- have kidney problems
- have any other medical conditions
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. Available information indicates that osetamivir phosphate capsule does not increase the risk of birth defects.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Osetamivir phosphate capsule can pass into breast milk in small amounts.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription or over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take osetamivir phosphate capsule?

- Take osetamivir phosphate capsule exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to.
- Take osetamivir phosphate capsule with food or without food. There is less chance of stomach upset if you take osetamivir phosphate capsule with food.
- If you miss a dose of osetamivir phosphate capsule, take it as soon as you remember. If it is 2 hours or less before your next dose, do not take the missed dose. Take your next dose of osetamivir phosphate capsule at your scheduled time. Do not take 2 doses at the same time.
- If osetamivir phosphate for oral suspension is not available or you cannot swallow osetamivir phosphate capsules, your healthcare provider or pharmacist may instruct you to open osetamivir phosphate capsules and mix the capsules contents with sweetened liquids such as chocolate syrup (regular or sugar-free), corn syrup, caramel topping, or light brown sugar (dissolved in water).

If your healthcare provider or pharmacist has instructed you to open your osetamivir phosphate capsules, read the detailed Instructions for Use at the end of this leaflet. Ask your pharmacist if you have any questions.

What are the possible side effects of osetamivir phosphate capsule?

Osetamivir phosphate capsule may cause serious side effects, including:

- **Serious skin and allergic reactions.** Osetamivir phosphate capsule can cause serious skin and allergic reactions. Stop taking osetamivir phosphate capsule and get medical help right away if you get any of the following symptoms:
 - skin rash or hives
 - your skin blisters and peels
 - blisters or sores in your mouth
 - itching
 - swelling of your face, eyes, lips, tongue, or throat
 - trouble breathing
 - chest pain or tightness
- **Change in behavior.** People, especially children, who have the flu, can develop nervous system problems and abnormal behavior that can lead to death. During treatment with osetamivir phosphate capsule, tell your healthcare provider right away if you or your child have confusion, speech problems, shaky movements, seizures, or start hearing voices or seeing things that are not really there (hallucinations).

The most common side effects of osetamivir phosphate capsule when used for treatment of the flu include nausea, vomiting, and headache.

The most common side effect of osetamivir phosphate capsule when used for prevention of the flu include nausea, vomiting, headache, and pain.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all of the possible side effects of osetamivir phosphate capsule.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store oseltamivir phosphate capsule?

- Store oseltamivir phosphate capsules at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).
- Safely throw away any unused oseltamivir phosphate capsule that is out of date or no longer needed.

Keep oseltamivir phosphate capsule and all medicines out of the reach of children.**General information about the safe and effective use of oseltamivir phosphate capsule.**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use oseltamivir phosphate capsule for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give oseltamivir phosphate capsule to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider.

You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about oseltamivir phosphate capsule that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to www.epic-pharma.com.

What are the ingredients in oseltamivir phosphate capsule?**Active ingredient: oseltamivir phosphate**

Inactive ingredients: black iron oxide, blue sb-6018, croscarmellose sodium, gelatin, partially pregelatinized starch (corn), povidone k-30, red iron oxide (ferric oxide red), sodium stearyl fumarate, talc, titanium dioxide, yellow iron oxide (ferric oxide yellow).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**Oseltamivir phosphate Capsules USP, for oral use**

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Rx Only**How do I mix the contents of oseltamivir phosphate capsules with sweetened liquids, if directed by my healthcare provider or pharmacist?****You will need:**

- the prescribed dose of oseltamivir phosphate capsules
- a small bowl
- sweetened liquid, such as chocolate syrup (regular or sugar-free), corn syrup, caramel topping, or light brown sugar (dissolved in water)

Step 1. Open the contents of the prescribed dose of oseltamivir phosphate capsules into a small bowl.

Step 2. Add a small amount of the sweetened liquid to the capsule contents.

Step 3. Stir the mixture and give the entire dose of oseltamivir phosphate.

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