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COMMON BRAND(S): Prilosec OTC

GENERIC NAME(S): Omeprazole

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Uses

Omeprazole is used to treat certain [stomach](#) and [esophagus](#) problems (such as [acid reflux](#), ulcers). It works by decreasing the amount of acid your [stomach](#) makes. It relieves symptoms such as [heartburn](#), difficulty swallowing, and persistent [cough](#). This [medication](#) helps heal acid damage to the stomach and esophagus, helps prevent ulcers, and may help prevent [cancer](#) of the esophagus. Omeprazole belongs to a class of drugs known as proton pump inhibitors (PPIs).

If you are self-treating with this medication, over-the-counter omeprazole products are used to treat frequent [heartburn](#) (occurring 2 or more days a week). Since it may take 1 to 4 days to have full effect, these products do not relieve heartburn right away.

For over-the-counter products, carefully read the package instructions to make sure the product is right for you. Check the

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