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A NEW VIEW OF 5-ASA DELIVERY

NEW PENTASA[®] (mesalamine)

WHEREVER UC STRIKES, PENTASA® DELIVERS

Only Pentasa has it-controlled, continuous 5-ASA delivery-for clinical efficacy at all UC disease locations¹

Unique semipermeable microspheres are designed to continuously release therapeutic quantities of 5-ASA throughout the gastrointestinal tract¹



Indicated for the induction of remission and for the treatment of mildly to moderately active UC¹

In an in vitro study, 5-ASA delivery was shown to be continuous at all the pH levels tested, from 1.5 to 7.5²

PENTASA® DELIVERS REMISSION

Proven to significantly reduce major clinical symptoms^{2,3}

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An 8-week placebo-controlled, double-blind, dose-ranging clinical trial involving patients with mildly to moderately active UC. Pentasa 4 g/day data presented above. Adapted from Hanauer et al.³

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Contains no sulfa–avoids sulfa-related semen abnormalities^{1,4-6} and steroid-related osteoporosis^{1,6,7} and hypokalemia^{1,2,6}

Exercise caution in patients with impaired hepatic or renal function; monitor patients with preexisting renal disease, increased BUN or serum creatinine, or proteinuria¹



PENTASA[®] (mesalamine) controlled-release capsules

FOR SAFELY INDUCING REMISSION **OF MILDLY TO MODERATELY ACTIVE UC...** ...PENTASA® DELIVERS

Prescribe Pentasa[®] — 4 x 250 mg, qid, #240 or #80

Brief Summary of Prescribing Information as of May 1993 PENTASA (mesalamine)

Controlled-Release Capsules 250 mg

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

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Dermatological: acne, alopecia, dry skin, eczema, erythema nodosum, nail disorder, photosensitivity, pruritus, sweating, urticaria

Nervous System: depression, dizziness, insomnia, somnolence, paresthesia

Cardiovascular: palpitations, pericarditis, vasodilation Other: albuminuria, amenorrhea, amylase increase, arthralgia, asthenia, breast pain, conjunctivitis, ecchymosis, edema, fever, hematuria, hypomenorrhea, Kawasaki-like syndrome, leg cramps, lichen planus, lipase increase, malaise, menorrhagia, metrorrhagia, myalgia, pulmonary infiltrates, thrombo-

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PENTASA® (mesalamine

WHEREVER UC STRIKES, PENTASA® DELIVERS

Only Pentasa has it—a unique controlled-release design for continuous 5-ASA delivery throughout the GI tract¹



3 ... and descending colon...

...with enough protected 5-ASA remaining to ensure therapeutic levels in the rectosigmoid region.

deliver 5-AŚA...

...throughout the ascending, transverse,...

Unique semi-

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controlled-release capsules

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Endoscopic photo of ulcerated transverse colon.

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PENTASA® DELIVERS EFFICACY

Proven to induce remission^{1,3}

In two clinical trials, significantly more UC patients on Pentasa 4 g/day achieved remission—<u>strictly defined</u> as complete resolution of symptoms plus improvement of endoscopic endpoints—than on placebo (P<0.05)^{1,3*†}

Significantly reduces major clinical symptoms^{2,3}

In an 8-week clinical study,

Pentasa reduced patient-debilitating symptoms up to 67% (mean percent reduction in each symptom from baseline in Clinical Trial UC-1)

P<0.05



An 8-week placebo-controlled, double-blind, dose-ranging clinical trial involving patients with mildly to moderately active UC. Pentasa 4 g/day data presented above. Adapted from Hanauer et al.³

- *Clinical trial UC-1: Pentasa 4 g/day, n=95; placebo, n=90.13
- ⁺ Clinical trial UC-2: Pentasa 4 g/day, n=85; placebo, n=83.^{1,2}
- [‡] Physician Global Assessment consists of six categories that are (1) complete relief of symptoms, (2) marked improvement of symptoms, (3) moderate improvement of symptoms, (4) slight improvement of symptoms, (5) no change in symptoms, and (6) worsening of symptoms

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controlled-release capsules

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Endoscopic photo of reduced inflammation.

- In Clinical Trials UC-1 and UC-2, 55% to 59% of patients on Pentasa 4 g/day experienced complete or marked improvement, based on Physician Global Assessment (PGA)^{1-3*†‡}
- In Clinical Trial UC-1, reductions in disease activity and symptom severity were seen in over 80% of patients on Pentasa 4 g/day, based on PGA^{3*‡}

Treats both pancolitis and left-sided disease^{2,3}

In Clinical Trial UC-1, 52% of patients with pancolitis and 62% of patients with distal UC experienced complete relief or marked improvement on Pentasa 4 g/day, based on PGA (placebo: 32%-pancolitis, 37%-distal UC)^{3*‡}



PENTASA® DELIVERS SAFELY

Well tolerated¹

In combined results from two clinical trials (n>600),

no single adverse event occurred in more than 4% of patients on Pentasa¹



Two 8-week, placebo-controlled, dose-ranging clinical trials involving patients with mildly to moderately active UC. Adapted from Pentasa prescribing information.¹

Overall rate of adverse events similar to placebo¹

🐞 Low incidence of diarrhea

In combined results from worldwide clinical trials (n>2100), only 3.4% of patients on Pentasa experienced diarrhea¹

Low systemic absorption

Based on urinary excretion data, 20% to 30% of the 5-ASA in Pentasa is absorbed¹

 Clinical laboratory measurements showed <u>no</u> significant abnormal trends for <u>any</u> test, including measurement of hematologic, liver, and kidney function
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creatinine, or proteinuria¹

controlled-release capsules



Endoscopic photo of healed colonic mucosa.

Pentasa[®] contains no sulfa and avoids the following major sulfa- and steroid-related side effects:

- 🔅 Avoids sulfa-related semen abnormalities^{1,4-6}
- Avoids steroid-related osteoporosis^{1,6,7} and hypokalemia^{1,2,6}

Pentasa[®] is effective first-line therapy for the induction of remission and treatment of mildly to moderately active ulcerative colitis



NEW PENTASA® (mesalamine) controlled-release capsules

FOR SAFELY INDUCING REMISSION OF MILDLY TO MODERATELY ACTIVE UC... PENTASA® DELIVERS.



Brief Summary of Prescribing Information as of May 1993 PENTASA (mesalamine)

Controlled-Release Capsules 250 mg

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

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	PENTASA (n=95)	placebo (n=90)
Rectal Bleeding	67%	36%
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Trips to the Toilet		
	30%	12%

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were not dose-related. Events occurring at 1% or more are shown in the table below. Of these, only nau-sea and vomiting were more frequent in the PENTASA group. Withdrawal from therapy due to adverse events was more common on placebo than PENTASA (7% vs 4%).

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Adverse Events Occurring in More Than 1% of Either Placebo or PENTASA Patients in Domestic Placebo-controlled Ulcerative Colitis Trials. (PENTASA Comparison to Placebo) Table 1.

Event	PENTASA n=451	Placebo n=173
Diarrhea	16 (3.5%)	13 (7.5%)
Headache	10 (2.2%)	6 (3.5%)
Nausea	14 (3.1%)	
Abdominal Pain	5 (1.1%)	7 (4.0%)
Melena (Bloody Diarrhea)	4 (0.9%)	6 (3.5%)
Rash	6 (1.3%)	2 (1.2%)
Anorexia	5 (1.1%)	2 (1.2%)
Fever	4 (0.9%)	2 (1.2%)
Rectal Urgency	1 (0.2%)	4 (2.3%)
Nausea and Vomiting	5 (1.1%)	
Worsening of Ulcerative Colitis	2 (0.4%)	2 (1.2%)
Acne	1 (0.2%)	2 (1.2%)

Clinical laboratory measurements showed no significant abnormal trends for any test, including measure-

ment of hematologic, liver, and kidney function. The following adverse events, presented by body system, were reported infrequently (ie, less than 1%) during domestic ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease trials. In many cases, the relationship to PENTASA been of been established. has not been established.

Gastrointestinal: abdominal distention, anorexia, constipation, duodenal ulcer, dysphagia, eructation, esophageal ulcer, fecal incontinence, GGTP increase, GI bleeding, increased alkaline phosphatase, LDH increase, mouth ulcer, oral moniliases, pancreatitis, rectal bleeding, SGOT increase, SGPT increase, stool abnormalities (color or texture change), thirst

Dermatological: acne, alopecia, dry skin, eczema, erythema nodosum, nail disorder, photosensitivity, pruritus, sweating, urticaria

Nervous System: depression, dizziness, insomnia, somnolence, paresthesia

Cardiovascular: palpitations, pericarditis, vasodilation

Other: albuminuria, amenorrhea, amylase increase, arthralgia, asthenia, breast pain, conjunctivitis, ecchymosis, edema, fever, hematuria, hypomenorrhea, Kawasaki-like syndrome, leg cramps, lichen planus, lipase increase, malaise, menorrhagia, metrorrhagia, myalgia, pulmonary infiltrates, thrombo-cythemia, thrombocytopenia, urinary frequency

One week after completion of an 8-week ulcerative colitis study, a 72-year-old male, with no previous his-tory of pulmonary problems, developed dyspnea. The patient was subsequently diagnosed with interstitial pulmonary fibrosis without eosinophilia by one physician and bronchiolitis obliterans with organizing pneu-monitis by a second physician. A causal relationship between this event and mesalamine therapy has not been established.

Debished case reports have described infrequent instances of pericarditis, fatal myocarditis, chest pain and T-wave abnormalities, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, pancreatitis, nephrotic syndrome, interstitial nephritis, or hepatitis while receiving mesalamine therapy.

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