

## Drug Shortage Alert – H2 Antagonists



### Famotidine (Pepcid®)

#### Estimated Resupply Dates

- Bausch has short-dated Pepcid 20 mg tablets in 30 count and 100 count bottles and 40 mg tablets in 30 count bottles with an expiration date of March 2021
- Teva has all famotidine tablets on back order with an estimated release date of 4th quarter 2020

### Nizatidine (AXID®)

#### Estimated Resupply Dates

- Teva has nizatidine capsules on back order and the company estimates a release date of late-May 2020

### Ranitidine (Zantac®)

- As of April 2020, all prescription (including oral and injectable) and OTC ranitidine formulations have been withdrawn from the US market

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### Alternatives for your patients:

#### Omeprazole (Prilosec®)

GERD- 10mg *po* once daily, may increase to 20mg after 4 weeks - 8 weeks if necessary

Heartburn- 20mg *po* once daily x 14 days (OTC labeling)

#### Lansoprazole (Prevacid®)

GERD

- symptoms < 2x week- 15mg *po* once daily for 8 weeks
- symptoms > 2x week- 30mg *po* once daily for 8 weeks

Heartburn-15mg *po* once daily for x 14 days (OTC labeling)

#### Esomeprazole (Nexium®)

Heartburn- 20mg *po* once daily for 14 days (OTC labeling)

- (not recommended in severe renal impairment – not studied)

*Other choices* include antacids such as **Tums®** (do not use inpatients with CrCl < 24ml/min) and **Roloids®** (contains magnesium, may accumulate in patients with renal impairment)

Adapted from Lexicomp: <http://online.lexi.com/lco/action/home> and <https://www.ashp.org/Drug-Shortages/AHFS-and-ASHPs-Drug-Shortages-Database>.