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NEXIUM® (esomeprazole magnesium) now has a Tier 2 co-pay on the Express Scripts® 2009 National Preferred and Prime Formularies.

Something's changed...
NEXIUM is the only brand in its class with a Tier 2 co-pay* on the Express Scripts® 2009 National Preferred and Prime Formularies.†

Prevacid® (lansoprazole) and Protonix® (pantoprazole sodium) cost more† because they have a Tier 3 co-pay on the Express Scripts 2009 National Preferred and Prime Formularies.

That's my Purple Pill.

	Average co-pay*†	Tier status
NEXIUM	\$\$-\$\$\$	Tier 2
Prevacid	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	Tier 3
Protonix	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	Tier 3

Symbols indicate relative cost. \$ = relatively low cost; \$\$\$\$ = relatively high cost.
 *Individual out-of-pocket costs may vary.
 †Cost does not include incentives or discounts that may be available from other sources.
 Formulary/co-pay comparisons do not imply comparable efficacy, safety, or FDA-approved indications.

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Approved Uses

NEXIUM 40 mg and 20 mg are indicated for short-term treatment (4 to 8 weeks) in healing and symptomatic resolution of diagnostically confirmed erosive esophagitis (EE). NEXIUM 20 mg is indicated to maintain symptom resolution and healing of EE (controlled studies did not extend beyond 6 months), and for treatment of heartburn and other symptoms associated with GERD.

Important Safety Information

NEXIUM is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any component of the formulation or to substituted benzimidazoles.

The most frequently reported adverse events with NEXIUM include headache, diarrhea, and abdominal pain.

Symptomatic response to therapy does not preclude the presence of gastric malignancy.

Atrophic gastritis has been noted occasionally in gastric corpus biopsies from patients treated long-term with omeprazole, of which NEXIUM is an enantiomer.

As with all PPIs, patients treated concomitantly with warfarin may need to be monitored for increases in INR and prothrombin time. Like other PPIs, esomeprazole may interfere with the absorption of drugs where gastric pH is an important determinant of bioavailability (eg, ketoconazole, iron salts, and digoxin).

Concomitant use of NEXIUM and atazanavir or nelfinavir is not recommended because the plasma concentrations and therapeutic effects of those antiretroviral drugs may be *reduced*.

NEXIUM may *increase* the plasma levels of saquinavir. Dose reduction of saquinavir should be considered.

NEXIUM should be used only for the conditions, dosages, and durations specified in the Prescribing Information.

Click [here](#) to read full Prescribing Information.

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Reference: 1. Express Scripts 2009 National Preferred Formulary; Express Scripts 2009 Prime Formulary Drug List as of January 1, 2009.

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