What is this medicine?

BISMUTH SUBSALICYLATE (biz muth sub sa LIS i late) relieves the symptoms of diarrhea, upset stomach, heartburn, acid indigestion, and nausea.

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

How should I use this medicine?

Take this medicine by mouth. Follow the directions on the label. Shake well before using. Use a specially marked spoon or container to measure your medicine. Ask your pharmacist if you do not have one. Household spoons are not accurate. Do not take your medicine more often than directed.

Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. Special care may be needed. While this medicine may be used in children as young as 12 years for selected conditions, precautions do apply.

Overdosage: If you think you have taken too much of this medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at once.

NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.

What if I miss a dose?

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, take only that dose. Do not take double or extra doses.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?

They need to know if you have any of these conditions:

• Bleeding problems
• Fever
• Kidney disease
• Liver disease
• Recent vaccination with chickenpox vaccine
• Recent viral illness, such as the flu or chickenpox
• Ulcer
• An unusual or allergic reaction to bismuth subsalicylate, aspirin, other salicylates or other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives
• Pregnant or trying to get pregnant
• Breast-feeding

What may interact with this medicine?

Do not take this medicine with any of the following medications:

• Methotrexate
This medicine may also interact with the following medications:

• Aspirin and aspirin-like medicines
• Medicines for diabetes
• Medicines for gout
• Medicines that treat or prevent blood clots like warfarin

This list may not describe all possible interactions. Give your health care provider a list of all the medicines, herbs, non-prescription drugs, or dietary supplements you use. Also tell them if you smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs. Some items may interact with your medicine.

What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?

Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible:

• Anxiety, confusion
• Dizziness, drowsiness
• Headache
• Increased sweating
• Increased thirst
• Loss of hearing, ringing in the ears
• Muscle weakness
• Nausea, vomiting that does not go away
• Tiredness
• Trembling, or uncontrollable movements

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome):
• Black stools
• Blackened tongue
• Constipation

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I watch for while using this medicine?
Tell your doctor or health care professional if your symptoms do not start to get better or if they get worse. Do not treat diarrhea for more than 2 days without talking to your doctor or health care professional. Call your doctor or health care professional as soon as you can if you get a fever, or nausea and vomiting. These could be symptoms of a more serious illness.

Drink plenty of clear fluids to help prevent dehydration caused by diarrhea.

Where should I keep my medicine?
Keep out of the reach of children.
Store at room temperature between 15 and 30 degrees C (59 and 86 degrees F). Do not freeze. Throw away any unused medicine after the expiration date.

NOTE: This sheet is a summary. It may not cover all possible information. If you have questions about this medicine, talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or health care provider.