



GINGER

Clinically proven to help prevent nausea and vomiting associated with motion sickness and/or seasickness.

Product number NPN 80004253
Dosage form Vegetable capsule
Quantity 90
Recommended route of administration Oral
Dosage Ginger rhizome (*Zingiber officinale*) 500 mg

Ginger

Ginger, or *Zingiber officinale*, is a species of plant indigenous to Asia. Its rhizome is used in cooking and traditional medicine. Indian texts dating back 1000 years before the common era recommend ginger for various ailments such as asthma and hemorrhoids. Today ginger, and particularly its root, is commonly known to have anti-vomiting properties. Chinese women have traditionally consumed ginger root during pregnancy to combat morning sickness.

Motion sickness

Also known as kinetosis, motion sickness manifests in a variety of symptoms, the most frequent being dizziness, fatigue, and nausea. Kinetosis develops in situations where there is a discrepancy between a visual perception of movement or motion and its perception by the vestibular system. For example, some people are unable to read in a moving car because this inhibits their visual perception of the car's movement (by not looking outside), whereas the inner ear feels the movement, resulting in a perception discordance.

Seasickness

Seasickness, also known as naupathy, is a form of kinetosis characterized by nausea, and in the most extreme cases, vertigo. This can develop after spending time on a craft or boat on water. Similar to motion sickness, seasickness is caused by discord between felt and perceived information due to the rocking of the boat. The person feels the sway and roll of the boat through the vestibular system, but they do not perceive the movement visually in the absence of a fixed point on the sea.



Therapeutic indications

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RECOMMENDED DOSAGE

Adult, 1 capsule as needed, to be taken with a glass of water.

Zingiber officinale

USDA Classification¹

Kingdom: *Plantae*

Class: *Magnoliopsida*

Order: *Zingiberales*

Family: *Zingiberaceae*

Genus: *Zingiber*

Species: *Zingiber officinale*





Medicinal ingredient

Ginger rhizome (*Zingiber officinale*) 500 mg

Non-Medicinal ingredients

Magnesium stearate and hypromellose

Professionals

In 1982, one study concluded that ginger was more effective than dimenhydrinate (an over-the-counter antihistamine used for treating motion sickness) in reducing symptoms of motion sickness.

In 1988, a treatment with ginger root was shown to significantly reduce common symptoms of seasickness, particularly vomiting and cold sweats, among subjects navigating on the high seas.

Finally, in 2003, researchers hypothesized that ginger's effectiveness in treating nausea associated with motion sickness was due to its capacity to prevent gastric dysrhythmias from developing and by elevating plasma concentrations of vasopressin. The results showed that a preventative treatment with ginger (1000 and 2000 mg) reduced nausea, tachygastria, and plasma vasopressin. Moreover, it was shown to prolong the length of time between occurrences of nausea while shortening the recovery time of subjects. In conclusion, the study showed that ginger is effective in the prevention and treatment of motion sickness.

Precautions and warnings

- Consult a health care practitioner if symptoms persist or worsen.

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