



# ENTERO VU™ 24% (BARIUM SULFATE) ORAL SUSPENSION, 24% w/v

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**  
These highlights do not include all the information needed to use ENTERO VU 24% safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for ENTERO VU 24%.

ENTERO VU 24% (barium sulfate) oral suspension

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**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**  
ENTERO VU 24% is a radiographic contrast agent indicated for use in small bowel radiographic examinations to visualize the gastrointestinal (GI) tract in adult patients. (1)

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- For oral use only:
- Adults: Recommended dose is 600 mL (2.1)

**DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

- Oral Suspension: barium sulfate (24% w/v) supplied in single dose bottle (3)

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

- Known or suspected perforation of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract (4)
- Known obstruction of the GI tract (4)
- Conditions associated with high risk of GI perforation or aspiration (4)
- Known hypersensitivity to barium sulfate or any of the excipients of ENTERO VU 24% (4)

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

- Hypersensitivity reactions: Emergency equipment and trained personnel should be immediately available (5.1)
- Intra-abdominal barium leakage: May occur

in conditions such as GI fistula, ulcer, inflammatory bowel disease, appendicitis, diverticulitis, severe stenosis or obstructing lesions of the GI tract (5.2)

- Delayed GI transit and obstruction: Patients should maintain adequate hydration in days following barium sulfate procedure to avoid obstruction or impaction (5.3)
- Aspiration Pneumonitis: Patients with a history of food aspiration or with swallowing disorders are at increased risk. Monitor patients for aspiration. (5.4)

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Common adverse reactions include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal cramping (6)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Bracco Diagnostics at 1-800-257-5181 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch)

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

ENTERO VU 24% is indicated for use in small bowel radiographic examinations to visualize the gastrointestinal (GI) tract in adult patients.

### 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### 2.1 Recommended Dosing

- The recommended oral dose of ENTERO VU 24% is:
  - Adults 600 mL

#### 2.2 Administration Instructions

- For oral use only
- Shake bottle vigorously prior to oral administration to fully suspend product
- Administer undiluted
- Discard any unused suspension
- Advise patients to hydrate following the barium sulfate procedure
- Advise patient at risk for constipation or delayed gastrointestinal transit to monitor for worsening of their condition after administration of barium sulfate and seek medical attention if worsening and advise using laxatives to enhance gastrointestinal transit.

### 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Oral suspension: barium sulfate (24% w/v) supplied in a single-dose white HDPE plastic bottle as a ready-to-use suspension for oral administration. Each bottle contains 600 mL of suspension.

### 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

ENTERO VU 24% is contraindicated in patients with the following conditions:

- known or suspected perforation of the GI tract

- known obstruction of the GI tract
- high risk of GI perforation such as those with a recent GI perforation, acute GI hemorrhage or ischemia, toxic megacolon, severe ileus, post GI surgery or biopsy, acute GI injury or burn, or recent radiotherapy to the pelvis
- high risk of aspiration such as those with known or suspected tracheo-esophageal fistula or obtundation
- known severe hypersensitivity to barium sulfate or any of the excipients of ENTERO VU 24%

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### 5.1 Hypersensitivity Reactions

Barium sulfate preparations contain a number of excipients, including natural and artificial flavors and may induce serious hypersensitivity reactions. The manifestations include hypotension, bronchospasm and other respiratory impairments, and dermal reactions including rashes, urticaria and itching. A history of bronchial asthma, atopy, food allergies, or a previous reaction to a contrast agent may increase the risk for hypersensitivity reactions. Emergency equipment and trained personnel should be immediately available for treatment of a hypersensitivity reaction.

### 5.2 Intra-abdominal Barium Leakage

The use of ENTERO VU 24% is contraindicated in patients at high risk of perforation of the GI tract [see *Contraindications (4)*]. Administration of ENTERO VU 24% may result in leakage of barium from the GI tract in the presence of conditions that increase the risk of perforation such as known carcinomas, GI fistula, inflammatory bowel disease, gastric or duodenal ulcer, appendicitis, diverticulitis, and in patients with a severe stenosis at any level of the GI tract, especially if it is distal to the stomach. Barium leakage has been associated with peritonitis and granuloma formation.

### 5.3 Delayed Gastrointestinal Transit and Obstruction

Orally administered barium sulfate may accumulate proximal to a constricting lesion of the colon, causing obstruction or impaction with development of baroliths (inspissated barium associated with feces) and may cause abdominal pain, appendicitis, bowel obstruction, or perforation. Patients with the following conditions are at higher risk for developing obstruction or baroliths: severe stenosis at any level of the GI tract, impaired GI motility, electrolyte imbalance, dehydration, on a low residue diet, on medications that delay GI motility, constipation, and the elderly [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.5)*]. To reduce the risk of delayed GI transit and obstruction, patients should maintain adequate hydration after the barium sulfate procedure.

### 5.4 Aspiration Pneumonitis

The use of ENTERO VU 24% is contraindicated in patients with trachea-esophageal fistula [see *Contraindications (4)*]. Oral administration of barium is associated with aspiration pneumonitis, especially in patients with a history of food aspiration or with compromised swallowing mechanism. Vomiting following oral administration of barium sulfate may lead to aspiration pneumonitis. In patients at risk for aspiration, begin the procedure with a small ingested volume of ENTERO VU 24%. Monitor the patient closely for aspiration, discontinue administration of ENTERO VU 24% if aspiration is suspected, and monitor for development of aspiration pneumonitis.

### 5.5 Systemic Embolization

Barium sulfate products may occasionally intravasate into the venous drainage of the large bowel and enter the circulation as a "barium embolus" leading to potentially fatal complications which include systemic and pulmonary embolism, disseminated intravascular coagulation, septicemia and prolonged severe hypotension. Although this complication is uncommon after oral administration of a barium sulfate suspension, monitor patients for potential intravasation when administering barium sulfate.

### 5.6 Risk with Hereditary Fructose Intolerance

ENTERO VU 24% contains sorbitol which may cause severe symptoms if ingested by patients with hereditary fructose intolerance. Severe symptoms may include the following: vomiting, hypoglycemia, jaundice, hemorrhage, hepatomegaly, hyperuricemia, and kidney failure. Before administration of ENTERO VU 24% assess patients for a history of hereditary fructose intolerance and avoid use in these patients.

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following adverse reactions have been identified from spontaneous reporting or clinical studies of barium sulfate administered orally. Because the reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or to establish a causal relationship to drug exposure:

- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal cramping
- Serious adverse reactions and fatalities include aspiration pneumonitis, barium sulfate impaction, intestinal perforation with consequent peritonitis and granuloma formation, vasovagal and syncopal episodes

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

ENTERO VU 24% is not absorbed systemically following oral administration, and maternal use is not expected to result in fetal exposure to the drug.

### 8.2 Lactation

#### Risk Summary

ENTERO VU 24% is not absorbed systemically by the mother following oral administration, and breastfeeding is not expected to result in exposure of the infant to the drug.

### 8.4 Pediatric Use

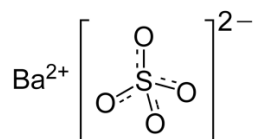
ENTERO VU 24% is not indicated for pediatric use.

### 8.5 Geriatric Use

Clinical studies of ENTERO VU 24% did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 and over to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, usually starting at the low end of the dosing range, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

ENTERO VU 24% (barium sulfate) is a radiographic contrast agent that is supplied as a suspension (24% w/v) for oral administration. The active ingredient barium sulfate is designated chemically as BaSO<sub>4</sub> with a molecular weight of 233.4 g/mol, a density of 4.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and the following chemical structure:



ENTERO VU 24% contains the following excipients: acacia, carrageenan, citric acid, methylcellulose, natural and artificial blueberry flavor, polysorbate 80, potassium chloride, potassium sorbate, purified water, saccharin sodium, simethicone emulsion, sodium benzoate, sodium citrate, sorbitol solution, and xanthan gum.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

Due to its high atomic number, barium (the active ingredient in ENTERO VU 24%) is opaque to x-rays and therefore acts as a positive contrast agent for radiographic studies.

### 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Barium sulfate is biologically inert and has no known pharmacological effects.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Under physiological conditions, barium sulfate passes through the gastrointestinal tract in an unchanged form and is absorbed only in small, pharmacologically insignificant amounts.

## 13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### 13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

No animal studies have been performed to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of barium sulfate or potential effects on fertility.

## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

### 16.1 How Supplied

ENTERO VU 24% (barium sulfate) is supplied as a suspension (24% w/v) in a single-dose HDPE plastic bottle containing 600 mL of barium sulfate suspension (24% w/v).

Provided as: 6 x 600 mL bottles (NDC 32909-146-06)

### 16.2 Storage and Handling

Store at USP controlled room temperature 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F). Protect from freezing.

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

After administration, advise patients to:

- Maintain adequate hydration [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].
- Seek medical attention for worsening of constipation or slow gastrointestinal passage [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].
- Seek medical attention for any delayed onset of hypersensitivity: rash, urticaria, or respiratory difficulty [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

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