

**Drug Information Table**  
**Mucosal protectants – sucralfate (Carafate)**

<b>Therapeutic Use</b>	<b>Administration</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute duodenal ulcers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administer orally on an empty stomach.</li> <li>• Give four times a day, 1 hr before the usual three mealtimes and again at bedtime.</li> <li>• Do not give antacids within 30 to 60 min of administration.</li> <li>• Do not give within 2 hr of administering fluoroquinolone antibiotics, warfarin (Coumadin), phenytoin (Dilantin), theophylline (Theolair), digoxin (Lanoxin), tetracycline, or diazepam (Valium).</li> </ul>	
<b>Side/Adverse Effects</b>	<b>Interventions</b>	<b>Patient Instructions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constipation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor bowel function.</li> <li>• Administer stool softeners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase fluid and fiber intake.</li> <li>• Increase activity and exercise.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nausea, diarrhea, dyspepsia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor for severe diarrhea.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report worsening diarrhea.</li> <li>• Try antacids to help minimize symptoms, but do not take them within 30 min of taking the drug.</li> <li>• Drink plenty of clear fluids.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tell patients to report any signs of obvious or occult gastrointestinal bleeding, such as coffee-ground emesis.</li> </ul>
<b>Contraindications</b>	<b>Precautions</b>	<b>Interactions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Hypersensitivity to the drug</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic renal failure, dialysis</li> <li>• Renal dysfunction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absorption of fluoroquinolone antibiotics, warfarin (Coumadin), phenytoin (Dilantin), theophylline (Theolair), digoxin (Lanoxin), tetracycline, and diazepam (Valium) decreases.</li> <li>• Antacids reduce therapeutic effects.</li> </ul>