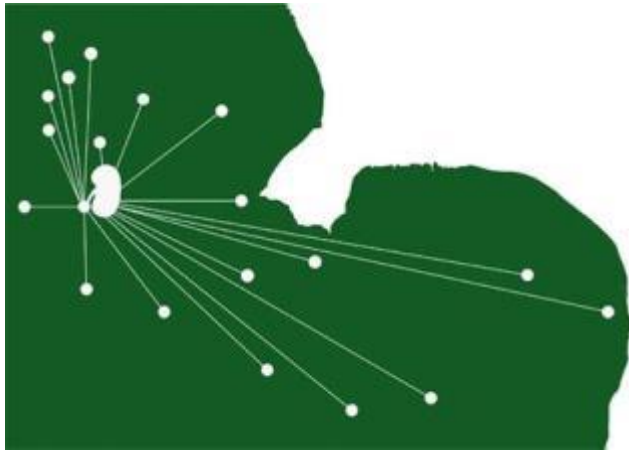




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Children's Kidney Network for the East Midlands,  
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## Calcium Carbonate 250 mg Dispersible Tablet Supply, GP and Community Pharmacist Information

Calcium carbonate is used as a Phosphate Binder to reduce the amount of phosphate absorbed from the diet of children with chronic kidney disease. It is ideally taken 5-10 minutes before meals but also can be mixed with feeds. Calcium carbonate is available as chewable tablets, however for children who cannot take their calcium carbonate in this way; dispersible tablets are an alternative option.

Calcium carbonate 250 mg **dispersible** tablets are an unlicensed medicine. In Nottingham Children's Hospital we only use unlicensed products from carefully chosen manufacturers, after assessment by Quality Control Team to assure the quality.

This product is manufactured by Specials Products limited. Please prescribe as 'calcium carbonate 250mg dispersible tablets (Special Products Limited)' to ensure the correct manufacturer is chosen. Pharmacists should order directly from the manufacturer. The contact information is included at the bottom of this letter.

You may have previously prescribed or dispensed calcium carbonate **effervescent** tablets for other patients, which are a licensed medicine. These are unsuitable for use as a phosphate binder. In the effervescing process, the carbonate is consumed leaving much more bioavailable calcium gluconate and citrate. This will not work as a phosphate binder and therefore the unlicensed dispersible tablets are more appropriate.

Please contact me if you require any further information regarding this product, or for other questions regarding medicines for children in our network.

Kind Regards,



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