For patients with Acid Reflux Disease

Heartburn Hints

Follow these instructions:	
Ma	ke these lifestyle & dietary changes:
	Avoid fried and fatty foods (such as french fries and other fast-food items) and spicy foods
	Avoid chocolate (including candy bars, chocolate shakes, cupcakes, etc.)
Sources producting	Avoid coffee, caffeine-containing beverages, and alcohol
	Avoid citrus fruits and juices, tomato products (spaghetti sauce), and pepper
	Reduce your portions at mealtimes (less food in your stomach may mean less chance for reflux)
	Eat meals 2–3 hours before going to sleep
	Lose excess weight if you are overweight, it may lessen your symptoms
	Quit smoking (smoking weakens the valve between the esophagus and the stomach, increasing the chance for reflux)
	Raise the head of your bed with 6-inch blocks; gravity will help minimize reflux of stomach contents into the esophagus (Note: Do not use extra pillows to elevate your headthis can increase pressure on your abdomen)
Conscionation and Assessed	Avoid tight clothing and belts

Prevacid has a low occurrence of side effects including diarrhea (3.8%), abdominal pain (2.1%), and nausea (1.3%). For more information, please visit www.prevacid.com and please see the complete prescribing information.

