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### Prescribing information

#### Presentation

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#### Uses

For the treatment of hypertension.

#### Dosage and administration

##### Adults

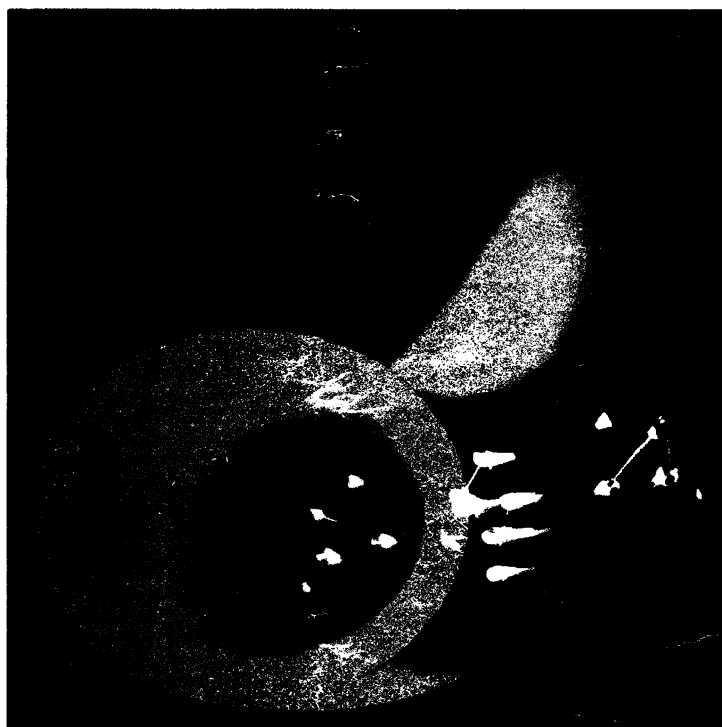
The dosage is one tablet daily to be taken in the morning.

##### Children

There is no experience of the use of this drug in children.

#### Contra-indications, warning, etc.

There are no absolute contra-indications to the use of Natrilix but caution should be exercised when prescribing it in cases of severe renal or hepatic impairment. As with all new drugs, the administration of Natrilix should be avoided during pregnancy although no teratological effects have been seen in animals. At doses higher than that recommended, Natrilix has a diuretic effect, therefore it is not recommended to prescribe it with a diuretic agent which may cause hypokalaemia. Also, slight weight loss has been reported in some patients taking Natrilix. Reported side effects have included nausea and headache,



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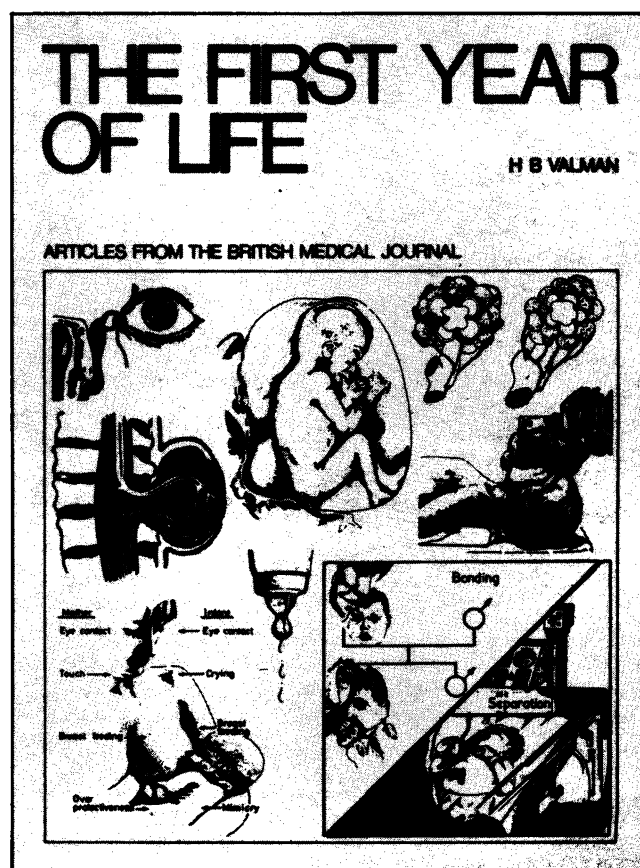
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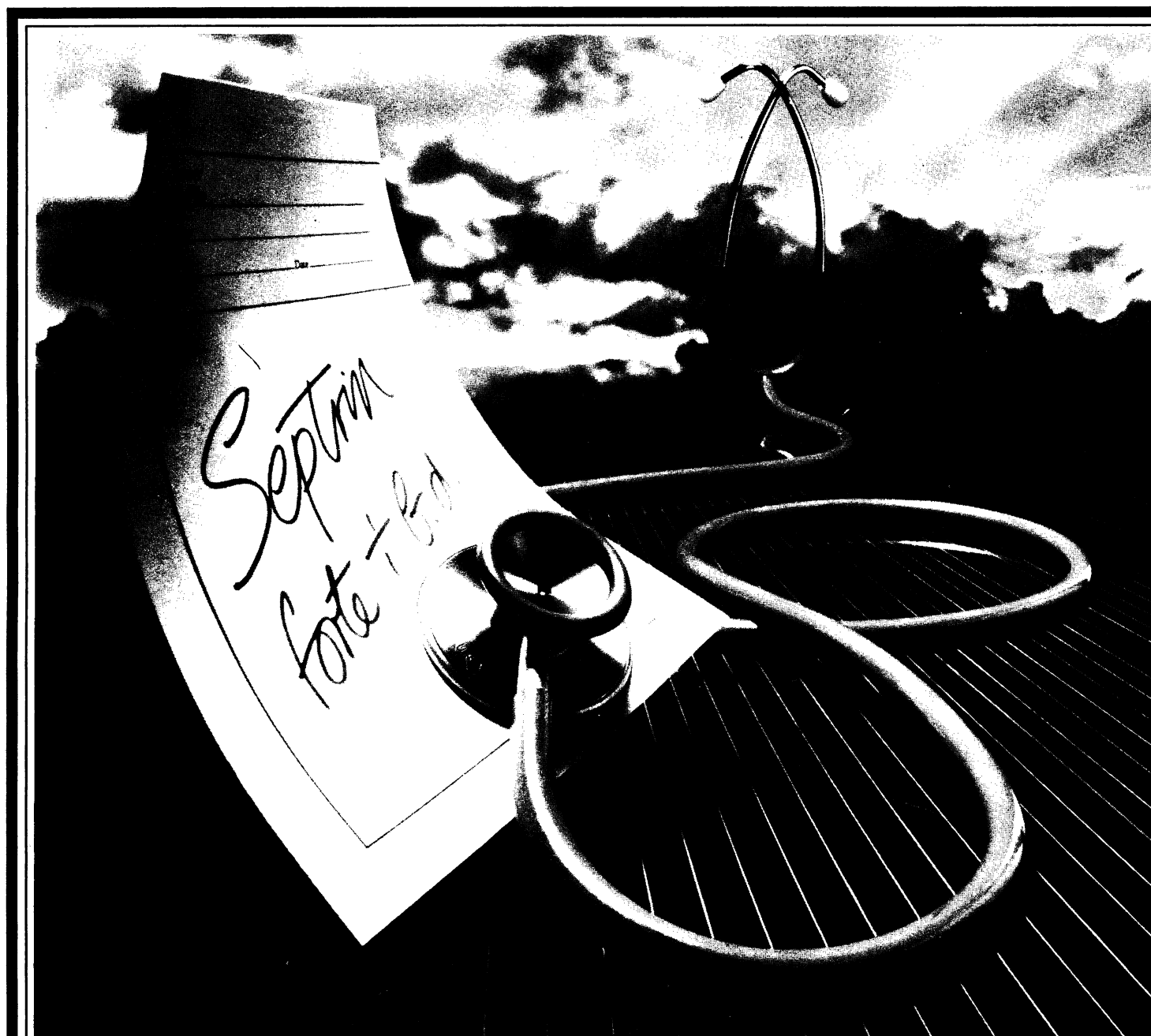
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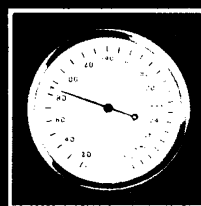
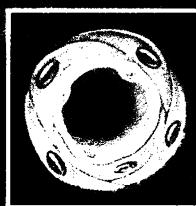
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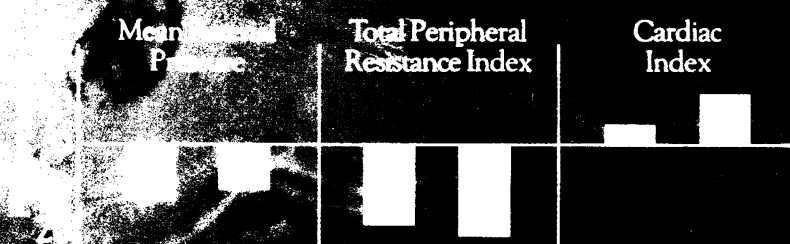
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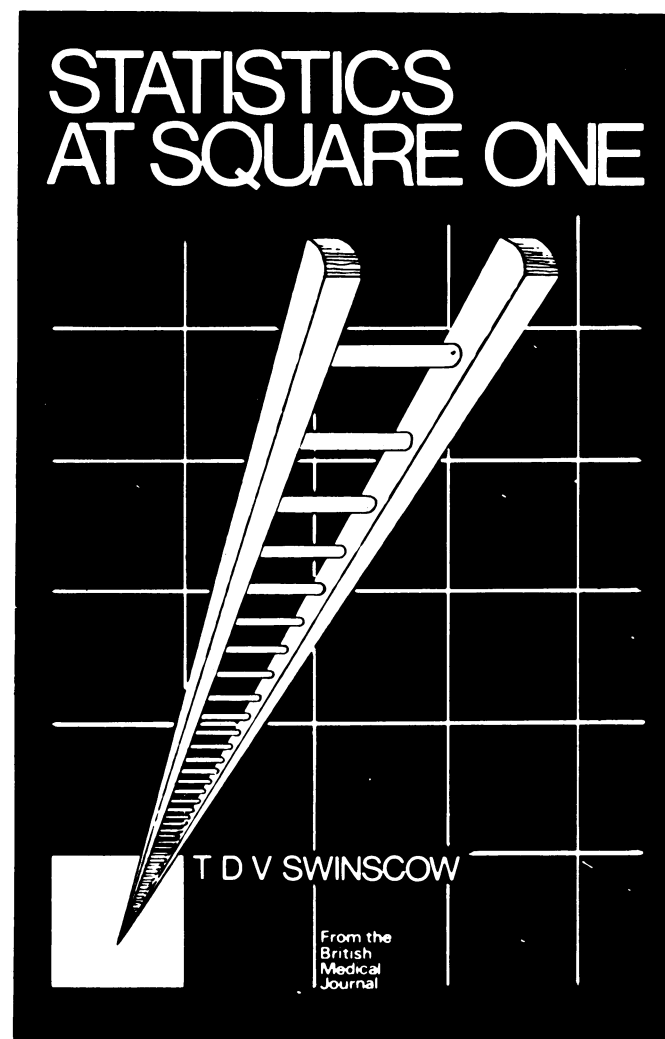
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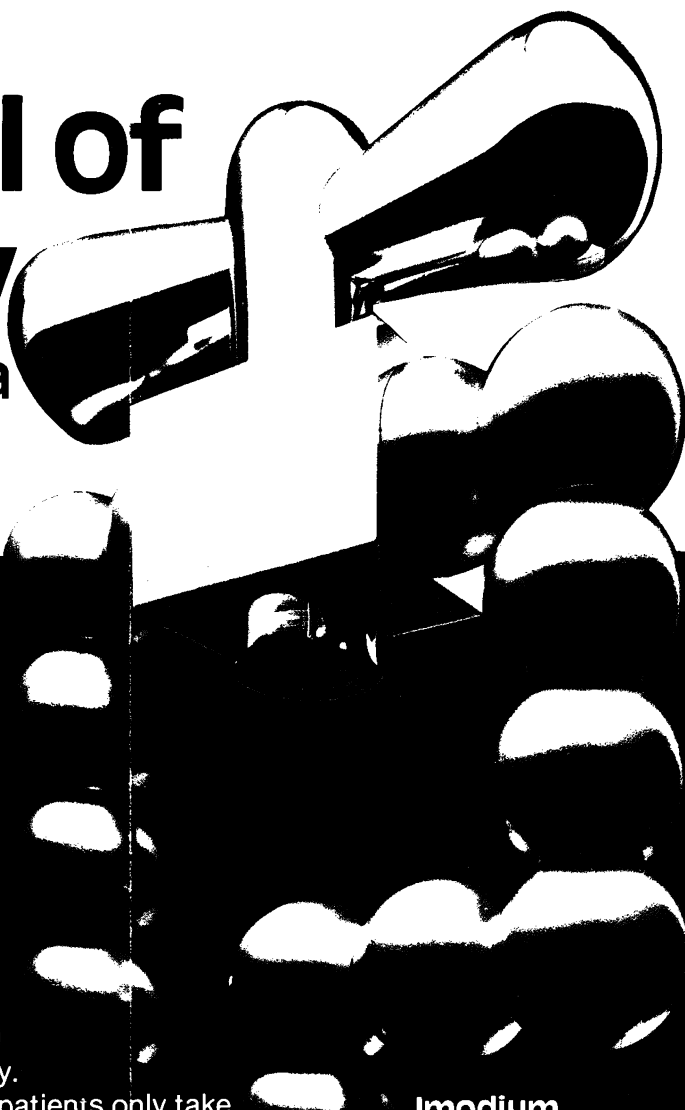
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