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capsules (200 mg) morning and evening for 1 day. **Physicians:** It is not recommended to give this drug to patients with a known hypersensitivity to it.

Patients: 2 capsules (200 mg) once daily for 7 days. **Obstetrical and gynaecological patients:** It is recom-

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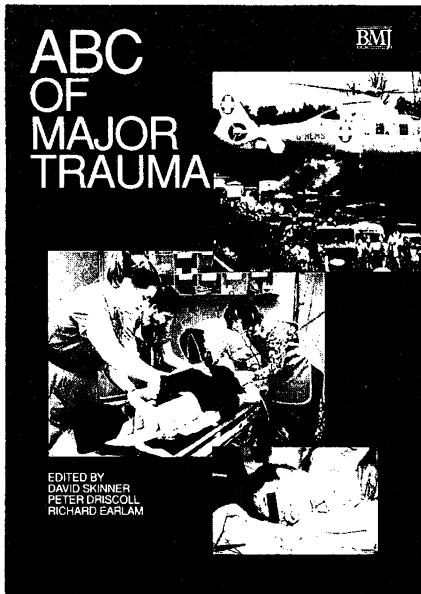
been reported. **Endocrine system:** Sporadic cases of hypothyroidism, hypoglycaemia, and hypoglycaemic reactions have been reported.

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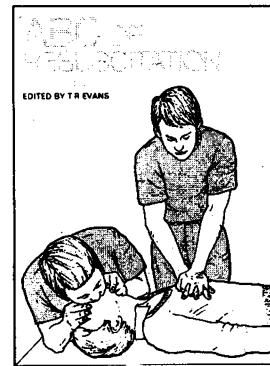
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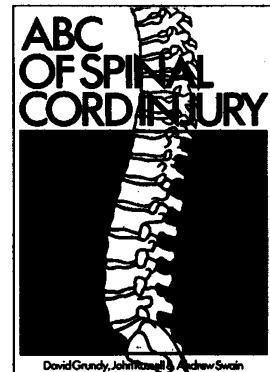
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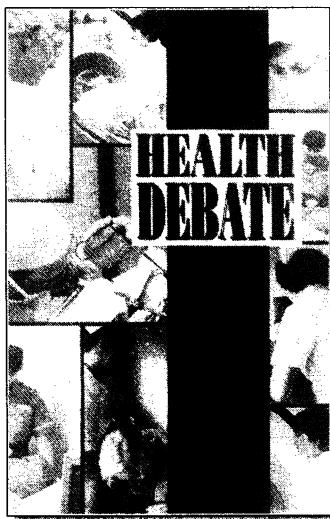
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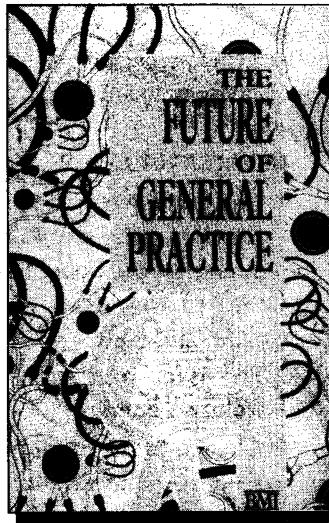
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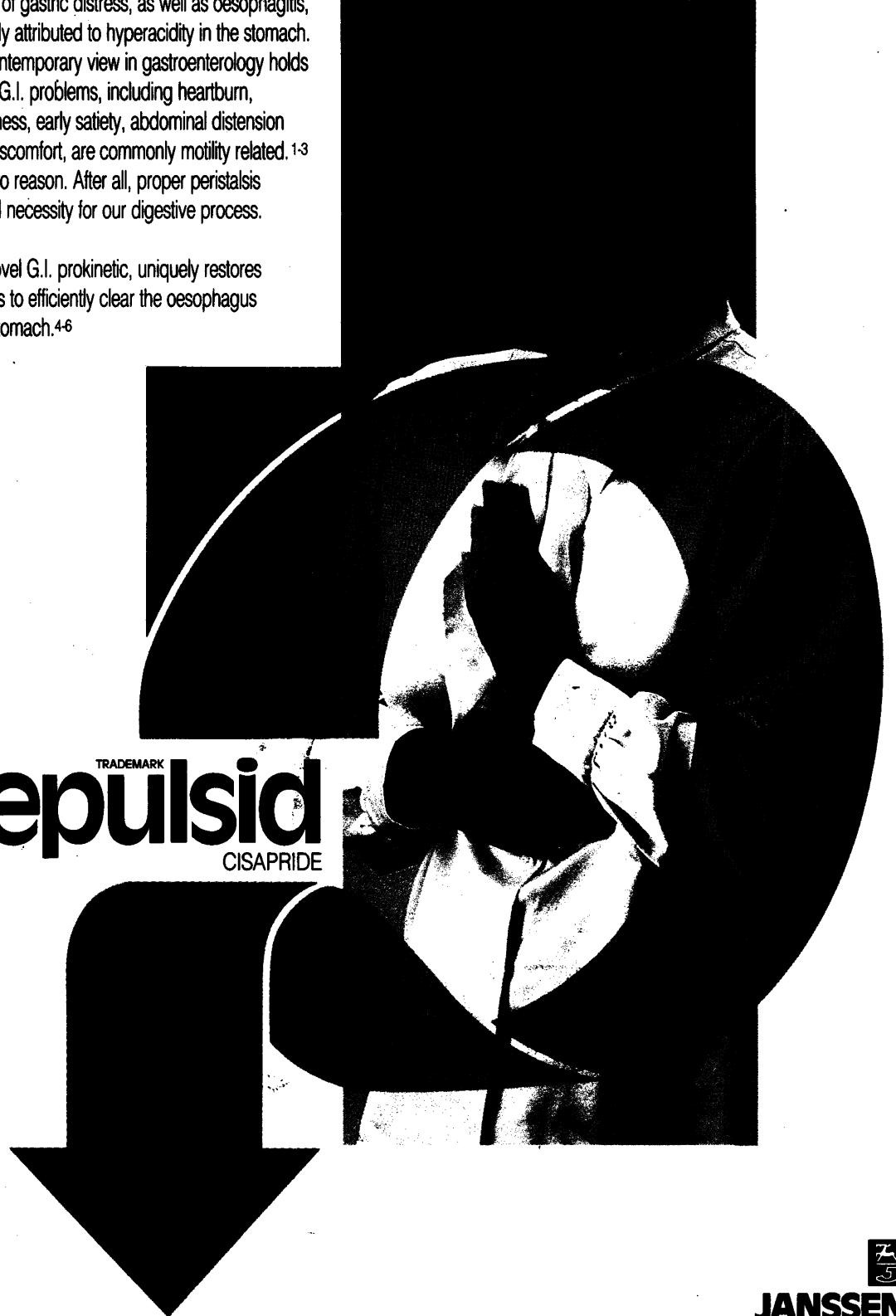
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