

# Neocate Questions & Answers



## Q. What is Neocate?

**Neocate** is a palatable, powdered infant formula consisting of 100% free amino acids designed to meet all the nutritional requirements of an infant.

## Q. Who is Neocate for?

**Neocate** is designed for the treatment of allergy in infants aged 0-1 year. Approximately 1 in 13 infants will develop a food allergy. As milk is the first food that infants consume, they are at risk of developing cow's milk allergy. In the past, soy formulae were recommended for these infants. However, it is now known that up to 50% of infants exhibiting an allergic response to cow's milk also react to soy.\*

## Q. What are the symptoms of allergy in infants?

Infants can exhibit some or all of these symptoms;

- Persistent diarrhoea and/or vomiting
- Poor weight gain and faltering growth
- Atopic Dermatitis
- Colic
- Bloody stools
- Reflux

## Q. What makes Neocate different?

**Neocate is elemental.** This means that the ingredients in Neocate are in their simplest and purest form so they are easier for the infant to process and digest. **Neocate** is based on 100% free amino acids. These are the building blocks of protein and, unlike formed whole proteins, do not cause allergic inflammation. (Figure 1) Other feeds use whole proteins or whole protein fragments (hydrolysates) which are made or derived from cow's milk or soy. These have the potential to bind and cause allergic inflammation. (Figure 2)

Figure 1

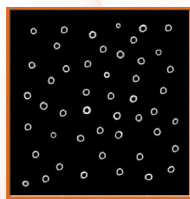
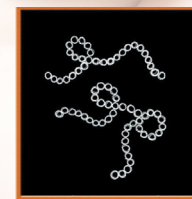


Figure 2



## Q. What are LCPs?

Neocate now contains LCPs. LCPs are Long Chain Polyunsaturated fatty acids. These are vital for the healthy development of your baby's brain, eyes and nervous system. The levels of these important LCPs in Neocate closely match those found in breastmilk and meet international guidelines for LCPs in infant formula.

## Q. How quickly will symptoms improve on Neocate?

- Gastro-intestinal symptoms improve within just 3 days.
- All other symptoms including reflux and dermatitis are relieved after 14 days.

Many, but not all, children outgrow their food allergies. This can vary for different foods and depends on the individual child. The majority of children who are allergic to milk become free from their allergy by the age of 3-5 years. **Neocate Advance** and **Neocate Active** are designed for 1-10 year olds and both are available in a choice of 2 flavours.

## Q. Where can I get Neocate?

**Neocate** is available through pharmacies and is fully re-imbursable on the General Medical Services (GMS) and Drugs Payment Scheme (DPS). **Neocate** is ACBS approved.

\*References on file

## For More Information on Neocate

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Resources available free of charge include:  
**Neocate Recipe Book & Neocate Parent Guide**



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