

BEPROGENT OINTMENT/CREAM

Betamethasone Dipropionate / Gentamicin Sulphate (0.064%w/w, 0.17%w/w)

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This leaflet answers some common questions about this medicine. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your pharmacist or doctor.

Your pharmacist or doctor has weighed the risks of you taking this medicine against the benefits they expect it will have for you. If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your pharmacist or doctor.

Keep this leaflet with the medicine. You may need to read it again.

What Beprogen Ointment/Cream is used for

Beprogen Ointment/Cream is used as topical treatment in inflammatory skin conditions, where bacterial infection is also present or likely to occur.

How Beprogen Ointment/Cream works

Beprogen Ointment/Cream contains active ingredients Betamethasone Dipropionate and Gentamicin Sulphate.

Betamethasone Dipropionate is a type of corticosteroid (steroid) that helps reduce swelling, itching and redness.

Gentamicin Sulphate is an antibiotic that provides antibacterial activity against most germs (bacteria) on skin.

Ask your pharmacist or doctor if you have any questions about this medicine.

Before you use Beprogen Ointment/Cream

-When you must not use it

Do not use this medicine if you have an allergy or have had an adverse reaction to;

- Betamethasone dipropionate or any other corticosteroid
- Gentamicin sulphate
- Any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.

-Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor or pharmacist:

- If you have an infection on your skin and specify on the infected area.
- Your medical conditions or allergies you may have, and any significant facts about your health.

Pregnancy and breast feeding:

- Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant or are breast-feeding.
- Safe use during pregnancy and lactation has not been established.

-Taking other medicines

Inform your pharmacist or doctor if you are taking any other products (such as medicines purchased without a doctor's prescription, prescription medicines and herbal products).

How to use Beprogen Ointment/Cream

-How much to use

Apply to the affected area twice daily. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

-When to use it

Apply on the affected area twice daily, in the morning and at night. Wash your hands after applying this medicine.

-How long to use it

If you are not sure how long you should be using this medicine, check with your doctor. If your infection does not improve after the treatment course, or if it becomes worse, contact your doctor.

-If you forget to use it

It is important to use this medication exactly as prescribed by your doctor. If you forget to apply this medication, apply it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next application, skip the missed dose and continue with your regular schedule.

-If you use too much (overdose)

Steroid can pass through your skin if apply to much and prolonged period of this medicine passing through skin can cause adrenal gland sensitivity.

If you suspect that you are overdosed, please consult your pharmacist or doctor. Bring any remaining medicine with you.

While you are using Beprogen Ointment/Cream

-Things you must do

If you are about to start taking on any other new medicine, tell your pharmacist or doctor that you are taking Beprogen Ointment/Cream.

Contact your doctor if you experience blurred vision or other visual disturbances.

-Things you must not do

Do not continue using this medicine if you have irritation or sensitization after using this medicine.

Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms as you do. It can be harmful for people to use this medication if their doctor has not prescribed it.

Do not take more than the recommended dose unless your doctor tells you to.

Occlusive dressings are NOT recommended, unless advised by your doctor.

-Things to be careful of

This medicine should not be used in or near eye area. If this occurs, bathe your eye with eyewash if possible. Your eye may sting. If you start having any problem with your sight or your eye is sore, contact your doctor immediately.

Do not use this medicine for a long time, unless your doctor or pharmacist has told you to.

Do not swallow this medication.

Side effects

Like other medicines, Beprogen Ointment/Cream can cause some side effects. If they occur, most are likely to be minor and temporary.

However, some may be serious and need medical attention.

The side effects possibly related treatment have been infrequently reported: itching, rash, dryness, irritation (including pain, burning, stinging and skin redness) and blurred vision.

Stop taking the medicine and seek for immediate help if you have experience: difficulty in breathing, face and throat swell and skin develop severe rash. You may be having an allergic reaction.

If you get any side effects, even those not mentioned in this leaflet, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

Storage and Disposal of Beprogen Ointment/Cream

-Storage

Store below 30°C. Keep container well closed.
Protect from light. Keep out of reach of children.

-Disposal

Dispose the medicine after the expiry date. Consult your pharmacist on how to safely dispose of any medicines no longer required.

Product description

-What it looks like

Ointment: a white ointment available in 15g aluminium tube.

Cream: a white cream and available in 15g aluminium tube.

-Ingredients

Active ingredients:

Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.064%w/w, Gentamicin Sulphate 0.17%w/w

Inactive ingredients:

Ointment: White Soft Paraffin and Liquid Paraffin.

Cream: Methylparaben, Propylparaben, White Soft Paraffin, Liquid Paraffin, Propylene Glycol, Cetostearyl Alcohol, Macrogol Cetostearyl Ether, Sodium Dihydrogen Phosphate, Phosphoric Acid 85% and Purified Water

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