HOE GENTAMICIN CREAM

Gentamicin Sulphate (0.17%w/w)

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

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your pharmacist or doctor has weighed the risks of you taking Hoe Gentamicin 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 Hoe Gentamicin is used for

It is used as topical treatment to treat various skin lesions infected by common skin germs (bacteria).

Your doctor may have suggested this medication for conditions other than those listed in these drug information articles. If you have not discussed this with your doctor or are not sure why you are being given this medication, speak to your doctor.

How Hoe Gentamicin works

Hoe Gentamicin belongs to a group of medicines called antibiotics. The antibiotic in this product is called Gentamicin Sulphate which possesses antibacterial activity against most germs (bacteria) on skin.

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

Before you use Hoe Gentamicin

-When you must not use it

Do not use this medicine if

- you have an allergy or have had an adverse reaction to any of this medicine related ingredients.

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 breast-feeding 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 Hoe Gentamicin

-How much to use

Apply to the affected area 3 – 4 times daily. Regarding the affected area of skin, ask your doctor or pharmacist: Hoe Gentamicin

- how much Hoe Gentamicin to apply, and
- how thickly to spread the Hoe Gentamicin

-When to use it

Apply on the affected area 3 - 4 times daily. Always wash your hands after applying Hoe Gentamicin.

-How long to use it

If you are not sure how long you should be using Hoe Gentamicin, 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)

An overdose of Hoe Gentamicin is rare. Consult a doctor if you suspect an overdose. No symptoms of an overdose are known.

While you are using Hoe Gentamicin

-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 Hoe Gentamicin.

-Things you must not do

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

Do not give this medication 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.

-Things to be careful of

This medication 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

Ototoxicity (toxicity in inner ear) and nephrotoxicity (toxicity in kidneys) has been reported often in the topical treatment of severe burns with gentamicin.

Like other medicines, Hoe Gentamicin 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.

Stop applying Hoe Gentamicin and immediately contact your doctor if you notice any of the following symptoms. You may be having an allergic reaction.
• severe and sudden onset of itching, redness, hives or a rash around the application area
• nausea or vomiting
• swelling of the face, lips, mouth, tongue or throat with breathing difficulties.

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 calling Tel: 03-78835490, or visiting the website npra.moh.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting→ Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)).

Storage and Disposal of Hoe Gentamicin
-Storage

Store below 30 ℃.
Keep container well closed.
Protect from strong 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

Hoe Gentamicin is a white cream, available in 15g aluminium tube.

-Ingredients

Active ingredients:
Gentamicin Sulphate 0.17%w/w

Inactive ingredients:
Methylparaben, Propylparaben, White Soft Paraffin, Liquid Paraffin, Propylene Glycol, Cetostearyl Alcohol, Cetomacrogol 1000, Sodium Dihydrogen Phosphate, Phosphoric Acid, Sodium Edetate and Purified Water.

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