

MINACORT CREAM

Miconazole Nitrate / Hydrocortisone Acetate (2% w/w / 1% w/w)

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What Minacort Cream is used for

It is indicated for the treatment of inflamed skin infections caused by certain fungi and bacteria.

How Minacort Cream works?

Miconazole Nitrate and Hydrocortisone Acetate are the active ingredients of Minacort Cream. Miconazole is an antifungal agent with some antibacterial activity. Hydrocortisone is a less potent 'topical steroid' which reduces inflammation, swelling, redness and itching of the skin.

Before you use Minacort Cream

-When you must not use it

Do not use Minacort Cream if

- you are allergic (hypersensitive) to miconazole or hydrocortisone or any of the other ingredients of Minacort Cream. (listed under Product Description)
- you have any other skin infection such as skin tuberculosis, cold sores, herpes, chicken pox or shingles.

-Before you start to use it

You must tell your doctor if:

- you have allergies to any medicine which you have used previously to treat your current condition.

-Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning for pregnancy or breastfeeding before using any medicine.

Minacort Cream should be used cautiously during pregnancy and lactation period. Avoid treatment of large surfaces and application under occlusive dressing.

-Taking other medicines

You must tell your doctor if you are:

- on warfarin therapy (blood thinning agent).
- taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

How to use Minacort Cream

-How much to use

Apply the cream with your finger gently onto the affected skin areas until it has fully absorbed.

-When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

Apply thinly once or twice daily.

-How long to use it

Apply Minacort Cream for the duration that the doctor recommends.

If irritation occurs, or no improvement is seen within 4 weeks, discontinue treatment and consult a doctor or a pharmacist.

-If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it.

Apply the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to apply the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not apply a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

-If you use too much (overdose)

Excessive use can result in skin irritation which usually disappears after discontinuation of therapy.

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your

nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have accidentally swallow the cream or have use too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

While you are using it

-Things you must do

Use your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are using Minacort Cream.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while using this medication.

Contact your doctor if your symptoms worsen or they do not improve.

-Things you must not do

- Do not stop using the medicine unless advised by your doctor.
- Do not use any new medicines without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.
- Do not give Minacort Cream to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

-Things to be careful of

- Avoid contact with the eyes.
- Consult doctor or pharmacist before using on extensive surface or under occlusive dressings including baby napkins in infants and children. Avoid application to the face.
- Do not use for a prolonged period in infants and elderly.

Side Effects

Like all medicines, Minacort Cream can have side effects, although not everybody gets them. The following side effects may happen with this medicine:

- Irritation or burning sensation

- Allergic reaction to any of the ingredient of the cream.

Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after using this medicine.

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 Minacort Cream

Storage

Do not use after the expiry date stated on the tube end. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store below 30°C in well-closed containers. Protect from light, heat, moisture and freezing.

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

-Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product Description

-What it looks like

A white to off-white cream base with whitening bouquet fragrance in printed aluminium tubes with white caps or in plastic jars.

-Ingredients

-Active ingredients:

Each gram contains Miconazole Nitrate 20mg and Hydrocortisone Acetate 10mg.

-Inactive ingredient:

Propylene glycol, mineral oil heavy, polyoxyl 40 stearate, stearic acid pallet, cetyl alcohol, disodium edetate, benzoic acid, butylated hydroxyanisole and whitening bouquet.

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