CROTAMIXONE CREAM

Crotamiton / Hydrocortisone Acetate (10% w/w / 0.25% w/w)

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What Crotamixone Cream is used for

Crotamixone Cream is mainly used to treat scabies (parasitic infestation caused by tiny mites, causing intense itching and a rash). It also helps relieve symptoms (example itchiness and inflammation) of various skin problems.

How Crotamixone Cream works

The active ingredients in the medicine are crotamiton and hydrocortisone acetate. Crotamiton is an anti-parasitic and anti-itch agent. It works by killing the tiny mites that cause scabies and also helps to relieve itching. Hydrocortisone is a mild corticosteroid (a type of anti-inflammatory medicine). It helps to reduce redness, swelling, and itching caused by skin problems. Together, this cream both treats the cause of scabies and helps soothe irritated skin.

Before you use Crotamixone Cream

- When you must not use it

Do not use Crotamixone Cream if you:

- are hypersensitive to crotamiton, hydrocortisone acetate or any other ingredients in this medication (listed in Product Description).
- have bacterial, virus or fungal skin infections
- if your skin is oozing or weeping with fluid (this means the skin is very inflamed or has open sores).
- have skin ulcers or broken skin.

- Before you start to use it

Pregnancy and Lactation

Please consult your doctor or pharmacist for advice if you are pregnant, planning for pregnancy, or breastfeeding before using any medicine.

Avoid using this cream during pregnancy unless instructed by your doctor.

Do not use this cream while breastfeeding, as it may affect the baby, though the risk is unknown. Always consult your doctor before use.

Usage in Children

Consult your doctor before using this cream on you child.

For children, this cream should be used only if really needed, and for no more than 7 days. It may affect growth or cause side effects if use too much.

- Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

How to use Crotamixone Cream

- How much to use

Topical application.

Apply thinly onto the affected skin areas.

- When to use it

Apply 2 to 3 times per day or as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

- How long to use it

Refer to your doctor or pharmacist for the duration of use.

Apply this cream for no more than 10 to 14 days, or only up to 7 days if you are applying it on the face.

- 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)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you or anyone else may have used too much of this medicine. You may need urgent medical attention. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

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

- Things you must not do

- Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.
- Do not give Crotamixone Cream to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.
- Do not apply near the eyes or mouth.

- Things to be careful of

Driving and using machines

Be careful when driving or operating machinery until you know how Crotamixone Cream affects you.

Stop using and tell your doctor if your skin becomes worse, very irritated, or if you get a rash.

Avoid applying the cream to large areas of skin, especially under tight bandage, as it may affect your hormone levels.

Avoid using the cream for a long time as it may cause side effects like weight gain, swelling, or changes in sugar levels in some people.

Side Effects

Like all medicines, Crotamixone Cream can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Common side effects:

- Temporary redness or warm feeling on the skin
- Skin irritation or allergic reactions
- Dry skin
- Small red bumps or pimples (like acne)
- Excess hair growth in the area where the cream is applied
- Lightening of the skin (lighter patches)
- Rash around the mouth
- Allergic skin rash
- Softening or breakdown of the skin, especially if covered
- Skin thinning with long-term use
- Stretch marks
- Heat rash (tiny red spots, especially in hot or sweaty areas)
- Infections can develop if the skin is damaged or covered too tightly

Rare but serious side effects:

Hormone imbalance, which may cause:

- Cushing's syndrome (weight gain, round face, mood changes)
- High blood sugar
- Sugar in the urine

Any other effects not listed above may also occur in some people. Please refer to your doctor or pharmacist if you experience any other side effects while taking this medication.

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 Crotamixone Cream

- Storage
Store at or below 30 °C.

- 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
White, smooth, soft cream.

- Ingredient(s)
- Active Ingredient
- Crotamiton
- Hydrocortisone Acetate

- Inactive Ingredients
- Cetostearyl Alcohol
- Cetomacrogol 1000
- Vaseline (White Soft Paraffin)
- Propylene Glycol
- Methyl Paraben
- Disodium Edetate (EDTA)
- Rheosol AVH
- Deionised Water

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