

### **Your Prescription for Stiemycin**

Your doctor has prescribed Stiemycin for you because he or she considers it to be the most appropriate way to treat your skin condition. Getting the right treatment is important. Using the product in the right way is just as important and the purpose of this leaflet is to help you to get the best from your medicine. If you have any questions concerning your condition or this treatment your local pharmacist may be able to help, otherwise you will need to contact your doctor.

### **What does Stiemycin do?**

Stiemycin is a solution of the antibiotic erythromycin. It has a direct action on the bacteria which are involved in acne.

### **How to Use your Medicine**

Stiemycin is only to be used on the skin.

Before you use a bottle for the first time you will need to break the in-transit seal. To do this, remove the cap from the bottle and with the bottle upright press gently on the wad with a finger until you hear a 'pop'. The product is now ready to use. Before applying Stiemycin you should always wash the affected area with soap and water and dry with a towel.

To use Stiemycin, turn the bottle upside down and dab the pad onto the affected area. Use the pad to spread the solution gently over the whole area.

Stiemycin contains special ingredients to help the antibiotic penetrate deep into the hair follicle, the root of acne. These ingredients keep the skin wet for a few minutes after application. Allow the product to dry completely before applying make-up. You may notice a faint odour whilst it dries, this is normal.

It is recommended that you apply Stiemycin twice a day, in the morning and the evening. There is no evidence to suggest that using the product more frequently produces better results. Successful treatment of acne may take weeks or even months but you should notice a gradual improvement as the weeks go by. It is important to persevere with the daily application until the acne has gone. If you stop too soon your condition may return.

If, after several weeks you see no improvement, or if your condition gets worse, then return to your doctor for further advice.

### **Can Anything go Wrong?**

More than 5 years of clinical use have shown Stiemycin to be very well tolerated. Although you may feel a slight warming sensation or see a little redness when you first use the product, this usually goes away after a few days. It is very rare for people to experience an allergic reaction to Stiemycin but if you do, stop using it and see your doctor.

If you know that you are allergic to erythromycin or any of the other ingredients do not use Stiemycin and tell your doctor. Allergy to erythromycin is quite rare, even in people who are allergic to other antibiotics, such as penicillin.

Stiemycin can be used when you are pregnant or if you are breast feeding. However, it is wise to tell your doctor if you think you may have become pregnant whilst you are receiving any medical treatment or if you plan to become pregnant and are taking any medicines. Stiemycin does not interfere with the effectiveness of the contraceptive pill.

## Precautions

As a general rule, people find Stiemycin easy to use and a course of treatment is uneventful, apart from an improvement in their acne. Remember however:

- Stiemycin should be applied only to the skin. Do not drink the solution. Avoid contact with the eyes and mouth. Stiemycin may sting your eyes and you will notice an unpleasant taste if it gets into your mouth
- Always replace the cap after use to prevent evaporation. Keep this product stored below 25°C and out of the reach and sight of children
- Do not pass your medicine on to a friend or another member of your family. Your doctor considered it right for you but it may not suit them.
- Stiemycin solution is flammable - do not use near a naked flame.
- Do not use other acne creams or ointments whilst using Stiemycin unless they have been prescribed by your doctor.

## Ingredients

Erythromycin Ph Eur 2% w/w, Propylene glycol, Ethanol, Laureth 4  
Bottle containing 25ml Stiemycin

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