

FUTASONE

Cream

Composition

Cream

Each gram of the cream contains:

Active ingredients: Fusidic acid 20mg
Betamethasone (as valerate) 1mg

Excipients: White soft paraffin, cetostearyl alcohol, cetomacrogol, liquid paraffin, butylated hydroxyanisole, chlorocresol, methyl and propyl paraben, sodium phosphate, and purified water.

Properties

The active principles of **FUTASONE** cream are fusidic acid and betamethasone valerate. Fusidic acid is a powerful antibiotic derived from certain strains of *Fusidium coccineum* and chemically related to cephalosporin P. It acts by inhibiting bacterial protein synthesis. Betamethasone is a potent corticosteroid known to have anti-inflammatory and antipruritic properties that are useful in the treatment of a wide variety of dermatological disorders.

Fusidic acid is active against a number of Gram-positive organisms. *Staphylococci*, including the strains resistant to penicillin or other antibiotics, are particularly susceptible to fusidic acid.

The therapeutic efficacy of topically applied **FUTASONE** is partly due to the rapid effect of betamethasone in inflammatory dermatoses, and partly due to the powerful antibacterial activity of fusidic acid against the majority of organisms responsible for skin infection in addition to its unique ability to penetrate the focus of infection even when applied to intact skin.

Absorption of the cream is greatest from areas of thin skin, raw surfaces, and intertriginous areas, and is increased by occlusion.

Indications

FUTASONE cream is indicated in inflammatory dermatoses where bacterial infection is present or likely to occur. Inflammatory dermatoses include atopic eczema, discoid eczema, stasis eczema, seborrhoeic dermatitis, contact dermatitis, lichen simplex chronicus, psoriasis (including scalp psoriasis), and discoid lupus erythematosus.

Note: **FUTASONE** cream should be avoided in widespread plaque psoriasis as well as in flexural and facial psoriasis.

Application

Apply a small amount of **FUTASONE** cream to the affected area 1-2 times daily, generally for a period of 7 days.

Note: When desired, the area treated can be covered with a dressing, but a less frequent application may be adequate.

Contraindications

It is contraindicated in individuals known to have hypersensitivity reactions to any of its components.

It is also contraindicated in the presence of untreated viral, tuberculosis, or

fungal skin infection; rosacea (acne rosacea); perioral dermatitis; acne vulgaris; leg ulcers.

It should not be used for infants under 1 year (see precautions).

Precautions

As with other preparations containing topical corticosteroids, **FUTASONE** cream should not be used on the face unless absolutely indicated.

Prolonged treatment with topical corticosteroids increases the possibility of systemic absorption especially when applied to extensive areas or under occlusive dressings, particularly in children.

Children: **FUTASONE** cream is contraindicated in infants under 1 year, and in general, potent topical corticosteroids are better to be avoided in paediatric treatment or, if necessary, used with great care for short periods.

Pregnancy and Lactation: As with other preparations containing topical corticosteroids, it should not be used extensively, in large amounts, or for prolonged periods in pregnant women. Caution should also be exercised when used in nursing mothers.

Side Effects

Infrequently, some adverse reactions may occur with topical corticosteroids especially with the use of occlusive dressings. These include thinning of the skin which may be restored over a period of time after completing the treatment, striae, telangiectasia (dilation of the superficial blood vessels), contact dermatitis, mild depigmentation, or acne at the side of application. Very rarely, local hypersensitivity reactions may occur.

Overdosage

Extensive application of large amounts of the preparation (more than 100g per week) is likely to cause adrenal suppression.

Presentation

Futason cream: Collapsible tube containing 15g of the cream.

* Store at a temperature of 15-25°C.

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- Medicament is a product which affects your health, and its consumption contrary to instructions is dangerous for you.
- Follow strictly the doctor's prescription, the method of use and the instructions of the pharmacist who sold the medicament.
- The doctor and the pharmacist are experts in medicines, their benefits and risks.
- Do not by yourself interrupt the period of treatment prescribed for you.
- Do not repeat the same prescription without consulting your doctor.
- Keep all medicaments out of the reach of the children.

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