

# Podophyllotoxin 0.15% w/w

Please read this leaflet carefully before using Wartec® Cream. It contains a summary of information available on the product. If after reading this you have any questions ask your doctor or pharmacist.

# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE CREAM

Product Name: Wartec® Cream (podophyllotoxin 0.15% w/w). Wartec® Cream contains podophyllotoxin 1.5mg/g as the active ingredient. The cream also contains: methyl paraben (E218), propyl paraben (E216), sorbic acid, phosphoric acid, Emulgator E-2155, stearyl alcohol, cetyl alcohol, isopropyl myristate, liquid paraffin, fractionated coconut oil, butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) and water.

Wartec® Cream is supplied in tubes containing 5g cream. A small mirror is provided in each pack.

Manufacturer: Stiefel Laboratories (Ireland) Ltd. Sligo, Ireland.

# WHAT THE CREAM IS USED FOR

The active ingredient of Wartec® Cream, podophyllotoxin, is a plant extract which has antiviral properties. It is used for the treatment of anogenital warts.

#### BEFORE USING THE CREAM

Do not use Wartec® Cream:

- If you are pregnant
- If you are breastfeeding a baby
- If you have used any podophyllotoxin preparation before and suffered an adverse reaction to it
- On open wounds eg. after surgical procedures

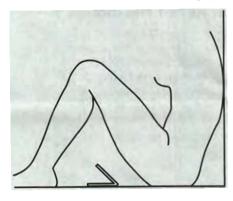
Avoid contact with the eyes.

Avoid sexual intercourse during treatment. If not, a condom should be used.

## **HOW TO USE THE CREAM**

Wartec® Cream should be applied as directed by your doctor.

Before applying the cream wash the affected areas with soap and water and dry thoroughly.



It may help you to view the area to be treated if you sit down and place the mirror as shown in this diagram.

Using a fingertip, apply enough Wartec® Cream to just cover each wart. The cream should be rubbed in.

Be careful to apply Wartec® Cream to the warts only, as it contains an active pharmaceutical substance which could be harmful if it remains in contact with healthy skin. If the cream spreads onto healthy skin it should be washed off with soap and water.

Wash your hands thoroughly after each application.

Apply Wartec® Cream twice daily, morning and evening, for 3 days only, followed by 4 days without treatment (one treatment course).

If you have any warts remaining 7 days after you started using the cream repeat the treatment course (twice a day for 3 days followed by 4 treatment-free days).

A maximum of 4 treatment courses may be applied.

If any warts remain after 4 treatment courses consult your doctor.

Where warts are greater than 4 square centimetres in area (approximately the size of a postage stamp) it is recommended that treatment takes place under medical supervision.

If you accidentally get Wartec® Cream in your eye, rinse the eye thoroughly with water and consult your doctor.

Wartec® Cream is for external use only. If you accidentally swallow some cream contact your doctor or local hospital immediately. Show the tube of cream and this leaflet to the doctor.

### AFTER USING THE CREAM

Wartec<sup>o</sup> Cream may cause side effects in some people.

Irritation, tenderness and smarting may occur on the second or third day of treatment as the warts begin to disappear. In most cases these effects are mild and will pass.

If itching or soreness persist and cause severe discomfort stop the treatment and consult your doctor.

If you experience any other side effects please contact your doctor

## **HOW TO STORE THE CREAM**

Do not use the cream after the "Use Before" date shown on the pack.

Store Wartec® Cream at room temperature and close the tube tightly after use.

Keep it in a safe place where children cannot reach it.

If you have any cream left after finishing your treatment, dispose of it safely by returning it to your local pharmacist.

REMEMBER: This medicine is for YOU. Only a doctor can prescribe it for you. Never give it to anyone else. It may harm them even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

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