

## INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Read this package insert carefully for it contains important information. This drug has been prescribed for you personally by your doctor or you have obtained it without a medical prescription in a pharmacy. Use the drug as described in the package insert or as instructed by your doctor or pharmacist in order to obtain the maximum benefit. Keep the package insert since you may wish to read it at a later date.

## RHINOCAP® Capsules

### What is Rhinocap and when is it used?

Rhinocap is an oral preparation for treatment of the common cold. It reduces the swelling of the mucous membrane. Thanks to the special characteristics of the capsules (delayed release of the active substances), the active substances reach the bloodstream only slowly, ensuring a prolonged effect.

Rhinocap is soothing the symptoms of the acute cold, such as blocked nose, excessive secretion, itching and swelling of the mucous membranes of the nose and the paranasal sinuses, and alleviates allergic irritation and inflammation of the nasopharyngeal cavity (e.g. allergic rhinitis).

### When must Rhinocap not be used?

Rhinocap must not be taken in case of known hypersensitivity to one of its active substances, nor by patients with high blood pressure, rapid pulse (over 100 beats/minute), other serious cardiovascular diseases, diabetes mellitus or overactive thyroid.

Rhinocap is contraindicated in patients with raised intraocular pressure (glaucoma) or enlarged prostate with urine retention, occlusion of the neck of the bladder, arteriosclerosis, epilepsy, MAOIs.

Rhinocap must not be given to children under the age of 12 years!

### When is caution indicated with the use of Rhinocap?

In patients with constriction of the pylorus Asthma, cardiac dysrhythmias (heart rhythm irregularities), and liver function impairments.

Elderly patients should use Rhinocap only after consulting their doctor. Rhinocap can potentiate the effects of sedatives, antidepressants, hypnotics and alcohol.

The concomitant use of different drugs can lead to interactions between them.

Rhinocap can cause drowsiness and may impair the reactive capacity. It is impossible to predict how severely these effects might be potentiated by alcohol. Therefore caution is indicated when driving motor vehicles or operating machinery.

Inform your doctor or pharmacist if you are suffering from other diseases, have any allergies or are taking or using other drugs (including over-the-counter preparations!)

### Can Rhinocap be taken during pregnancy or while breast feeding?

If you are pregnant or are breast feeding you may not take Rhinocap.

### How do you use Rhinocap?

Adults and adolescents over the age of 12 years:

1 capsule swallowed whole with a little water, mornings and evenings.

Keep to the dosage stated in the package leaflet or prescribed by your doctor. If you think the effect of the drug is too strong or too weak, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

### What side effects can Rhinocap have?

The following side effects can occur when Rhinocap is taken:

*Common:* Drowsiness and dazed sensation. / *Occasional:* Dry mouth, nervousness, visual disturbances, increased intraocular pressure, nausea, sensation of heat, dizziness, cardiac dysrhythmias. / *Rare:* Headaches, confusion and excitability. / *Very rare:* Skin rashes, damage to blood cells.

If you notice any side effects not described in this leaflet, you should tell your doctor or pharmacist.

### What else has to be considered?

Keep the drug in its original packaging, out of reach of children, in a dry place and at room temperature (15-25°C).

The drug may be used only up to the date indicated with "Exp" on the pack.

Further information may be obtained from your doctor or pharmacist; these persons are in possession of the complete product information.

### What is contained in Rhinocap?

1 capsule contains: 20mg phenylephrine hydrochloride, 10mg dimenhydrinate, 25mg caffeine.

*Colouring agents:* erythrosine (E 127), indigotin (E 132), as well as other auxiliary substances.

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### Where can you obtain Rhinocap?

#### What packings are available?

In pharmacies, without medical prescription.

Original packs of 10 capsules.

### Marketing Authorization holder



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