

Betasono

Betamethasone Valerate, USP

Topical corticosteroid

DESCRIPTION: *Betasono*, brand of betamethasone valerate, is a topical corticosteroid possessing anti-inflammatory, anti-pruritic and vasoconstrictive properties.

ACTIONS : *Betasono* produces a rapid response in inflammatory dermatoses responsive to topical corticosteroid therapy and is often effective in less responsive conditions such as psoriasis.

INDICATIONS : *Betasono* is indicated for the topical treatment of eczema, psoriasis, lichen simplex and planus, anal and vulval pruritus, seborrheic dermatitis and contact dermatitis. Also effective in the management of insect bites, sunburn, prickly heat and otitis externa.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: *Betasono* is contraindicated in patients with skin infections caused by herpes simplex, chickenpox, candida or bacteria (impetigo). It is also contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any of its components.

PRECAUTIONS: Continuous long-term topical use may lead to atrophic changes especially in the face. Avoid contact with eyes. If irritation develops discontinue use immediately.

Pregnancy: Pregnancy Category C: There are no adequate and well controlled studies of the teratogenic effects of topically applied corticosteroids in pregnant women. Therefore, topical corticosteroids should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus. Drugs of this class should not be used extensively on pregnant patients, in large amounts, or for prolonged periods of time.

Nursing Mothers: It is not known whether topical administration of corticosteroids can result in sufficient systemic absorption to produce detectable quantities in breast milk. Nevertheless, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

Pediatric Use: Use in children under 12 years is not recommended.

FOR EXTERNAL USE ONLY.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: Burning, itching, irritation, acneiform eruptions, secondary infection, skin atrophy, striae and allergic contact dermatitis have been reported especially when occlusive dressing is used.

DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION: Apply a small quantity to affected area 2-3 times daily.

AVAILABILITY:

- Ointment 0.1% : Tubes of 15 gm containing in each gram Betamethasone (as valerate) 1 mg, Excipient q.s. 1 gm Reg. N^o. Lebanon 26557

- Cream 0.1% : Tubes of 15 gm containing in each gram Betamethasone (as valerate) 1mg, Excipient q.s. 1 gm Reg. N^o Lebanon 26556

- Topical solution 0.1% : Bottles of 30 ml containing in each ml Betamethasone (as valerate) 1 mg, Excipient q.s. 1 ml. Reg. N^o. Lebanon 26559

- Lotion 0.1%: Bottles of 30 ml containing in each ml Betamethasone (as valerate) 1 mg, Excipient q.s. 1 ml. Reg. N^o. Lebanon 26558

This is a medicament

-A 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 medicine, its 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.

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