

Fluocinolone ointment

What you should know about FLUOCINOLONE ointment

FLUOCINOLONE ointment is a topical corticosteroid. It reduces or inhibits the actions of chemicals in the body that cause inflammation, redness and swelling. FLUOCINOLONE ointment has anti-inflammatory, antipruritic and vasoconstrictive properties.

When to use FLUOCINOLONE ointment

FLUOCINOLONE ointment is used to treat the itching, redness, dryness, crusting, scaling and inflammation caused by allergic reactions, contact dermatitis, eczema, psoriasis, insect and arthropod bite reactions, first and second degree localized burns.

FLUOCINOLONE ointment is also recommended in the relief of itching associated with minor skin irritations, inflammation and rashes due to chemicals or other substances such as detergents, soaps, glues, paints, gloves, cosmetics, jewelry, coins, chalk...

How to use FLUOCINOLONE ointment

FLUOCINOLONE ointment is usually applied to the affected area as a thin film from 2 to 4 times a day depending on the severity of your condition.

In hairy sites, the hair should be parted to allow direct contact with the lesion.

Occlusive dressings may be used for the management of psoriasis or recalcitrant conditions.

How long to use FLUOCINOLONE ointment

Treatment should be continued for a certain period after remission of the symptoms.

Long term use is possible. It is advisable to interrupt the therapy at intervals.

What to do in case of missed dose

Apply the missed dose as soon as you remember it. However, if it is almost time for the next application, skip the missed dose and continue your regular dosing schedule. Do not apply a double dose to make up for a missed one.

What to do in case of overdose

An overdose of FLUOCINOLONE ointment is not expected.

You may experience side effects if a large amount is used over a large area. Inform your doctor, he will suggest the measures to be taken.

When not to use this medication

Do not use this medication in case of known intolerance to the component of this ointment.

Precautions when taking this medication

-This ointment is not for ophthalmic use.

-If irritation develops, the treatment should be discontinued.

-In the presence of bacterial, fungal or viral infection, the use of an appropriate antifungal

or antibacterial should be instituted.

-For children use, the administration must be limited to the smallest quantity compatible

with effective therapy.

-If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, do not use in large amounts or for prolonged periods of time, without first talking to your doctor.

-This ointment is for external use only.

What kind of undesirable effects may occur

No serious side effects are expected unless you are using large amounts of this ointment for a long period of time.

Local side effects such as dermal irritation, dryness, burning, itching, and hypersensitivity reactions may occur at the beginning of the treatment as with all topical

corticosteroids. Rarely were reported; skin atrophy, change in skin color, acne or secondary infection.

Notify your doctor if you experience any unusual side effect.

What other medications may affect FLUOCINOLONE o i n t m e n t

Avoid other topical medications, soaps, cleansers, or cosmetics unless your doctor approves. Talk to your doctor and pharmacist before taking or using any other prescription or over-the-counter medicines.

How to store FLUOCINOLONE o i n t m e n t

Store in a cool place (25°C) protected from sunlight and excessive heat, beyond the reach of children.

The expiry date of this medicine is printed on the pack, don't use this medicine after this date.

Pack presentation

FLUOCINOLONE o i n t m e n t, tube of 20 grams.

Leaflet issued in October 2001.