

## **ACTI-VIR® H Cream**

**Dear patient,**

**Please read the following instructions carefully. They contain important information about the use of this medicine. If you have any further questions, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.**

### **Information about ACTI-VIR H**

ACTI-VIR H cream is a topical preparation that contains acyclovir 5% and 1% hydrocortisone (as acetate) with the following excipients: glyceryl monostearate, sodium benzoate, glycerin, niacinamide, chamomile extract, citric acid, and purified water.

ACTI-VIR H is a combination of acyclovir, a herpes simplex virus nucleoside analog DNA polymerase inhibitor, and hydrocortisone, a topical corticosteroid.

ACTI-VIR H is indicated for the early treatment of recurrent herpes labialis (cold sores) to reduce the likelihood of ulcerative cold sores and to shorten the lesion healing time in adults and children (6 years of age and older).

### **The way to use ACTI-VIR H**

Use according to your doctor's instructions.

Apply the cream 5 times per day for 5 days; for each dose, a sufficient quantity of the cream should be applied to cover the affected area, including the outer margin. Avoid unnecessary rubbing of the affected area to avoid aggravating or transferring the infection.

Therapy should be initiated as early as possible after the first signs and symptoms (such as itching, redness, burning, tingling, or when the cold sore appears).

### **In case of overdose**

An overdose of this medication is unlikely to occur. If you suspect an overdose, or if the cream has been ingested, inform your doctor at once and seek emergency medical attention. General measures should be adopted.

### **In case of missed dose**

Apply the missed dose as soon as you remember unless the next application is near. Go on applying the next scheduled dose as directed. Do not apply a double dose at once.

### **Contraindications**

This drug is contraindicated in case of hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients.

### **Precautions**

- This drug should not be used in the eye, inside the mouth or nose, or on the genitals.
- The cold sore or the cold sore area should not be covered.
- Inform your doctor when a cold sore fails to heal within 2 weeks.
- Use with caution in immunocompromised patients.
- Ask your doctor before using this drug in case of pregnancy or lactation.
- Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients less than 6 years of age have not been established.

### **Associations with other medications**

Please inform your doctor if you are using any other medication.

Other skin products (such as sun screen, make-up or lip balm) should not be used on the cold sore or the area around the cold sore.

**Adverse reactions**

The most common adverse reactions are skin reactions at the treatment site and they include: drying or flaking, tingling or burning, redness, changes in skin color, and swelling.

Contact dermatitis has been also reported.

Report to your doctor any signs of adverse reactions.

**Storage**

Store at controlled room temperature (up to 30°C), protected from light and humidity, beyond the reach of children. Do not Freeze. The expiry date is printed on the pack; don't use this medicine after this date.

**Pack Presentation**

ACTI-VIR H cream, acyclovir 5% and hydrocortisone 1% (as acetate), tube of 5 g

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