

## **METASONE®**

**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 METASONE**

METASONE is available as:

-METASONE cream for topical use containing 0.1% mometasone furoate with the following excipients: vaseline, hard paraffin, stearyl alcohol, methylparaben, propylparaben, and purified water.

-METASONE lotion for topical use containing 0.1% mometasone furoate with the following excipients: monopropylene glycol, citric acid, ethanol, and purified water.

Mometasone furoate is a topical corticosteroid sharing anti-inflammatory, anti-pruritic and vasoconstrictive actions. It relieves inflammatory symptoms such as pruritus, erythema and edema.

METASONE cream and lotion are indicated for the relief of the inflammatory and pruritic manifestations of corticosteroid-responsive dermatoses such as psoriasis and atopic dermatitis.

The lotion can be applied to scalp lesions.

### **The way to use METASONE**

Use according to your doctor's instructions.

Wash and dry your hands before using. Clean and dry the affected area.

#### ***METASONE cream:***

Apply a thin film of medication to the affected area and gently rub in, usually once daily. Do not bandage, cover, or wrap the area unless directed to do so by your doctor.

#### ***METASONE lotion:***

Apply a few sprays of the lotion to the affected skin areas including scalp sites once daily; massage gently and thoroughly until medication disappears.

### **Duration of treatment**

Use according to your doctor's instructions.

METASONE cream and lotion should be used on the face, axillae or scrotum for a maximum of 5 days and on the body for a maximum of 3 weeks. If no improvement is seen within 2 weeks, reassessment of diagnosis and treatment may be necessary when applied to the body. Therapy should be discontinued when control is achieved.

METASONE lotion should be used on the scalp for a maximum of 5 days.

### **In case of overdose**

Topically applied corticosteroids can be absorbed in sufficient amounts to produce systemic effects.

If you suspect an overdose, irritation develops, or if the drug has been ingested, inform your doctor at once and seek emergency medical attention.

### **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 the following conditions:

- In patients who are sensitive to mometasone furoate, to other corticosteroids or to any component of this drug.
- In patients with viral (e.g. herpes or varicella) lesions of the skin, bacterial or fungal skin infections, parasitic infections, skin manifestations relating to tuberculosis or syphilis, eruptions following vaccinations, acne vulgaris, rosacea, pruritus without inflammation.
- For use in the eyes.
- For use with occlusive dressings.

### **Precautions**

- The treated skin area should not be bandaged or otherwise covered or wrapped as to be occlusive unless directed by your doctor.
- Don't use this medication for any disorder other than for which it was prescribed or for longer than the prescribed time period.
- Don't use this medication on mucous membranes.
- Minimum quantity should be used for the shortest duration to achieve the desired clinical benefit in elderly and patients with hepatic or renal impairment.
- If patients must be treated over large body surface areas, they should be evaluated periodically for evidence of hypothalamic pituitary adrenal axis suppression
- Notify your doctor if the condition being treated gets worse. Report any signs of local adverse reactions.
- Do not increase number of applications without consulting your doctor. More frequent applications may increase the risk of side effects without ameliorating the therapeutic effects.
- Caution should be used when using this cream in patients with stasis dermatitis and other skin diseases with impaired circulation, in lesions close to the eyes, and when used around a chronic leg ulcer.
- This drug should be discontinued if concomitant skin infections develop, and antimicrobial therapy should be administered.
- Ask your doctor about the use of this medicine in case of pregnancy or lactation.
- Children may be more susceptible to topical corticosteroid-induced systemic toxicity than adults. Do not use for children without medical advice.

### **Associations with other medications**

Please inform your doctor if you are using any other medication. Do not put cosmetics or other skin products over the treated area unless directed by your physician. You should avoid preparations that may dry or irritate your skin. Other corticosteroid containing products should not be used with these medications without first talking to your doctor.

### **Adverse reactions**

Local adverse reactions reported with this cream include: paresthesia, pruritus, abscess, burning, disease exacerbation, dry skin, erythema, furunculosis, pimples, and signs of skin atrophy. Local adverse reactions reported with the lotion include: burning, folliculitis, acneiform reaction, pruritus, papule, pustule, stinging, and signs of skin atrophy.

When used under occlusive dressing, which is contraindicated, over extensive areas, for a long period, or on the face, axillae or scrotum, sufficient absorption may occur to result in adrenal suppression and other systemic effects.

Inform your doctor if any adverse reaction appears or becomes bothersome.

**Storage**

Store at controlled room temperature (up to 25°C), protected from light and humidity, beyond the reach of children. The expiry date is printed on the pack; don't use this medicine after this date.

**Pack presentation**

METASONE, mometasone furoate 0.1% cream, tube of 30 grams

METASONE, mometasone furoate 0.1% lotion, bottle of 30 mL

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