

BEVARATE CREAM

Betamethasone valerate (0.1% w/w)

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What *Bevarate* is used for

For treatment of dermatitis, eczema and other inflammatory skin conditions responsive to steroid.

How *Bevarate* works

Betamethasone valerate, a steroid with anti-inflammatory and anti-itch properties. It is applied on the surface of the skin to reduce the redness and itchiness caused by certain skin problems.

Before you use *Bevarate*

- When you must not use it

- allergic to betamethasone, other steroids and ingredients of the product.
- systemic fungal infections
- acute infections including herpes zoster and herpes simplex
- ulceration of the eyes
- vaccination with live vaccine.

- Before you start to use it

Do not use around/in eyes. Do not bandage/wrap the treated skin area unless directed to do so by physician. Caution in individuals with infection at treatment site or tuberculosis of the skin.

- Taking other medicines

The medicine is for topical application, usually will have minimal effect on other medications. However, please inform the doctor or pharmacist if taking other medicines.

How to use *Bevarate*

- How much to use

Apply to the affected area 3 – 4 times daily, or as directed by doctor.

- When to use it

Please follow the advice of the doctor or pharmacist.

- How long to use it

You should check with your doctor or pharmacist.

- If you forget to use it

If forget to use this medicine, use it as soon as remember. Then next, use this medicine at the usual time.

- If you use too much (overdose)

If used too much *Bevarate*, contact your doctor, an emergency department or a poison center immediately.

While you are using *Bevarate*

- Things you must do

Inform doctor of medications taking. Long term continuous treatment should be avoided as it may cause rebound when treatment is abruptly stopped.

- Things you must not do

Do not stop using medication although feeling better after a few days, until the prescribed course is finished.

- Things to be careful of

If pregnant or become pregnant or breast-feeding during treatment, should not use *Bevarate* unless doctor advised. Excessive prolonged usage in pregnancy should be avoided.

Side effects

Side effects may be more pronounced with the use of an occlusive dressing. On prolonged use, might develop moon face, thinning of skin with bruising tendency, facial hair growth, reddish purple lines on arms, legs, trunks or groin. If any of the side effects become serious or any other side effects not listed in this leaflet, please inform the doctor or pharmacist.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website npra.moh.gov.my (Public → Reporting Medicinal Problems / Side Effects / AEFI / Vaccine Safety).

Storage and Disposal of *Bevarate*

- Storage

Store in cool, dry place below 30°C. Protect from light. Keep out of reach and sight of children.

- Disposal

Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required.

Product description

- What it looks like

White colour cream.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient: betamethasone valerate
- Inactive ingredients: liquid paraffin, cetomacrogol emulsifying wax, white soft paraffin, citric acid, sodium citrate, chlorocresol and deionised water.

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