

AXCEL HYDROCORTISONE CREAM

Hydrocortisone (1% w/w)

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What Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream is used for

Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream is used in symptomatic treatment of the following skin disorders:

- Allergic skin disorders and other forms of skin inflammation including insect bites, eczema, inflammation around anus, genital and mouth, itchy lichen infection and psoriasis.

How Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream works

Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream contains a medicine called Hydrocortisone. It belongs to a group of medicines called steroids. It has anti-inflammatory, anti-itching and blood vessel narrowing actions.

Before you use Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream

-When you must not use it

Do not use Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream if:

- You are hypersensitive or allergic to any component of the cream.
- You have skin tuberculosis infection.
- You have fungal infections.
- You have chicken-pox.
- You have smallpox.
- You have herpes simplex (viral infection).
- Your ear's drum is perforated.
- It is not prescribed by a qualified doctor or pharmacist for you.

- You are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant.
- You are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

-Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if:

- You are allergic to any medicines.
- You have incipient infection.

-Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

It may still be all right for you to use Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream and your doctor will be able to decide what is suitable for you.

How to use Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream

This cream is for external use only.

-How much to use

- Apply a small quantity to the affected skin 2 or 3 times daily after gently cleansing the area.
- When a favourable response is obtained, application may be reduced to 1 or 2 times, and eventually discontinued.

-When to use it

Your doctor will decide when it is appropriate for you to use Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream according to the type of condition you have.

-How long to use it

Continue taking Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream for as long as doctor recommends.

-If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it.

Use the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to use the medicine and skip the missed

dose. Do not use a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

-If you use too much (overdose)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

While you are using it

-Things you must do

- Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.
- Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream.
- Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while talking this medication.

-Things you must not do

- Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.
- Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.
- Do not give Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

-Things to be careful of

- Systemic side effects may occur with extensive use.
- The use of occlusive dressings is not recommended.
- Avoid long term topical use in infants.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream can cause side effects although not everybody gets them. You are advised to consult doctor/pharmacist for further information. The following common side effects have been reported:

- Stretch mark.
- Dryness of the skin.

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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).

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Storage and disposal of Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream

-Storage

Keep Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream out of reach children.
Keep container well closed. Store below 30°C. Protect from light.

-Disposal

Do not use Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream after the expiry date which is stated on the carton.
Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product description

-How it looks like

Axcel Hydrocortisone Cream is smooth, white and water-miscible cream.

-Ingredients

-Active Ingredient:
Hydrocortisone

-Inactive Ingredients:
Dehydag wax "0", Cremophor A6, Cremophor A25, Liquid Paraffin, Propylene Glycol, Chlorocresol, Sodium Dihydrogen Phosphate, Purified Water.

-MAL Number

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