

GENTASONE CREAM

Gentamicin sulphate/ Betamethasone dipropionate (0.10% w/w / 0.065% w/w)

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What Gentasone is used for

For the treatment of skin inflammation complicated by or when bacterial infection is suspected.

How Gentasone works

Gentamicin sulphate is an antibiotic which is effective against a wide range of bacteria, namely Staphylococcus, Streptococcus species of Pseudomonas, Proteus vulgaris, E-coli, Aerobacter aerogenes, Klebsiella pneumoniae and many coliform bacilli. Betamethasone dipropionate can reduce itching and inflammatory conditions.

Before you use Gentasone

- When you must not use it

If allergic to gentamicin sulphate, betamethasone dipropionate or any related components, in vaccinia, varicella and tuberculosis of the skin. or other ingredients of Gentasone.

- Before you start to use it

Excessive or prolonged use of gentamicin may cause overgrowth of wounds caused by fungi or other bacteria. It may also lead to skin sensitization, resulting in allergy reactions with subsequent use of cream. Be careful when used on infants and children less than 4 years as it may cause growth retardation on prolonged use. Therefore, avoid prolonged use in children and on the face.

How to use Gentasone

- How much to use

Apply thinly to affected skin two times daily or less frequent.

- When to use it

Always use Gentasone exactly as your doctor has instructed you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure.

- How long to use it

You should check with your doctor or pharmacist.

- If you forget to use it

Apply as soon as you remember.

- If you use too much (overdose)

If use too much Gentasone, contact your doctor, an emergency department or a poisoning center immediately. Overuse of Gentasone may result in Cushing's disease, overgrowth of lesions by fungi or nonsusceptible bacterias.

While you are using Gentasone

- Things you must do

Inform doctor of medications you are taking.

- Things you must not do

Never give this medicine to someone else, it could harm them, even if their symptoms seem the same.

- Things to be careful of

If you are pregnant or become pregnant or breast-feeding during treatment, you should not use Gentasone unless your doctor tells you to.

Your doctor will consider about the potential benefits and risks of your therapy to you and your child.

Side effects

Allergy signs like redness, swelling, itching or irritation not present before treatment. When applied topically, over large areas when the skin is broken or under occlusive dressings, betamethasone dipropionate may be absorbed in sufficient amounts to cause systemic effects. With prolonged use, maceration of the skin, skin atrophy (thinning of upper layer of skin, striae (stretch marks) and secondary infection may be present.

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 Gentasone

- Storage

Store in cool, dry place below 30°C.

Protect from light. Keep out of reach 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 ingredients: gentamicin sulphate and betamethasone dipropionate

- Inactive ingredients: liquid paraffin, cetomacrogol emulsifying wax, white soft paraffin, chlorocresol, sodium citrate. citric acid, medium chain triglyceride and deionised water

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Manufacturer and Product Registration holder

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