

BEVARATE-N CREAM

Betamethasone-17-valerate/neomycin sulphate (0.1% w/w / 0.5% w/w)

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What Bevarate-N is used for

For treatment of skin inflammation, itching and redness (including the scalp, body, arms and legs), eczema (including children and adults), psoriasis (red, itchy and scaly skin), insect bites, anal or genital inflammation caused by the rubbing of one area of skin on another, and other inflammatory skin conditions, where bacterial infection is present.

How Bevarate-N works

Betamethasone 17 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. Neomycin is an antibiotic which kills bacteria that causes common skin infection.

Before you use Bevarate-N

- When you must not use it
 - allergic to neomycin, betamethasone, other steroids and ingredients of the product.
 - it is not recommended for use in pregnant or breast-feeding mothers, unless directed by doctor.
 - acne, rosacea (long term inflammatory facial condition), perioral dermatitis (inflammation around the mouth), infants less than 2 years, viral infections and itching around the anus and genital.
 - extensive skin damage or ruptured ear membranes.

- Before you start to use it

Use with caution if near the eyes or face as it may cause irritation. If applied over large areas, when the skin is broken, with or without occlusive dressings may cause effects to the body. Prolonged local use should be avoided as it may lead to skin sensitization. Also, used with caution in children as steroid may affect growth.

- Taking other medicines

Medicines for nerves and muscles – neomycin sulphate intensifies and

prolongs respiratory depressant effects.

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-N

- How much to use

Apply sparingly to affected area 2 – 3 times daily. Upon improvement, application is reduced to once daily or less.

- When to use it

Please follow the advice of the doctor or pharmacist.

- How long to use it

Duration is less than 7 days unless under medical supervision. For children, duration is limited to less than 5 days. You should also 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-N, contact your doctor, an emergency department or a poison center immediately.

Short term overdose is unlikely to occur, however, in the case of long term overdose or misuse, the features of hypercorticism (collection of symptoms due to prolonged use of steroids that include high blood pressure, abdominal obesity, red stretch marks or round red face) may appear. In this situation topical steroids should be discontinued.

While you are using Bevarate-N

- Things you must do

Inform doctor of medications taking. Long term continuous treatment should be avoided as it may cause skin irritation.

- Things you must not do

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

- Things to be careful of

Flush with water if the cream enters the eye. If you are pregnant or become pregnant or breast-feeding during treatment, should not use Bevarate-N unless doctor advised.

Side effects

Side effects may be pronounced with use of occlusive dressing. With prolonged use, moon face, thinning of skin with easy bruising, acne, facial hair growth, loss of hair, Cushing's syndrome (collection of symptoms due to prolonged use of steroids that include high blood pressure, abdominal obesity, red stretch marks or round red face) may occur. Hypersensitivity reaction, usually of delayed type, occur frequently during local treatment with neomycin but may be masked by the combined use of steroids. Cross sensitivity with certain antibiotics may occur.

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-N

- 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: betamethasone 17 valerate and neomycin sulphate.
- Inactive ingredients: liquid paraffin, cetomacrogol emulsifying wax, white soft paraffin, citric acid, sodium citrate, chlorocresol and purified water.

- MAL number:

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