BEAVATE CREAM

Betamethasone 17 Valerate (0.1% w/w)

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What Beavate is used for

Beavate is used to treat certain skin problems and inflammation such as mild to moderate dermatitis, pruritus, psoriasis and inflammatory phase of xerosis.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you. Your doctor may have prescribed this medicine for another reason.

How Beavate works

Beavate contains the active ingredient called betamethasone valerate.

Betamethasone belongs to a group of medicine called steroid. It helps to reduce swelling and inflammation.

Before you use Beavate

- When you must not use it

Do not use Beavate if you are allergic to betamethasone or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Do not use this medicine if you have skin infection, acne, skin inflammation around the mouth and pre-existing skin thinning.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering. If it has expired or is damaged, return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

If you are not sure whether you should start using this medicine, talk to your doctor.

- Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dves.

Pregnant women, breastfeeding mother, young children and elderly should exercise caution when using Beavate.

- Taking other medicines

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

Some medicines may interact with Beavate cream. Your doctor or pharmacist has more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while using Beavate.

How to use Beavate

- How much to use

Adult:

Apply thinly on the affected area one to three times a day.

Children:

Apply thinly on the affected area once a day.

When to use it

Use Beavate as your doctor has prescribed.

- How long to use it

Continue using your medicine for as long as your doctor tells you.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if no improvement.

- If you forget to use it

If you forget to apply the medicine, you can apply it as soon as you remember.

- <u>If you use too much</u> (overdose)

If you use a lot or for long term, gradually reduce the usage to avoid rebound flareup.

Discontinue Beavate if irritation or sensitization occurs.

While you are using it

Things you must do

Always follow your doctor's instructions carefully.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breast-feeding.

- Things you must not do

Do not give Beavate to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

Do not use Beavate to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.

- Things to be careful of

Avoid contact with the eyes.

Occlusive dressing in the affected area only if prescribed by your doctor.

Side effects

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not

Ask for the advice of your doctor or pharmacist if you have any concerns about the effects of using this medicine.

Beavate cream may cause sideeffects such as

- an allergic skin reaction where the cream is applied
- inflammation of the hair follicles
- infection of hair follicles
- formation of pus or blisters
- abnormal increased sensitivity.
- numbness in fingers
- a rash of purple spots on the skin caused by internal bleeding from small blood vessels.
- skin atrophy (skin become thin and fragile)
- secondary skin infection
- stripping of epidermal layer
- telangiectasia (widening of blood vessels visible on the skin surface)

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell. Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the

website <u>portal.bpfk.gov.my</u> (Consumers \rightarrow Reporting).

Storage and disposal of Beavate

- Storage

Keep the medicine in a dry place where the temperature stays below 30 degrees C.

Do not store Beavate or any other medicine in the bathroom or near a sink

Do not leave it in the car or on window sills.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep Beavate where children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Disposal

Ask your pharmacist what to do with any medicine you have left over if your doctor tells you to stop using them, or you find that the expiry date has passed.

Product Description

- What it looks like

A white coloured, homogeneous cream.

Ingredients
Active ingredient:
Betamethasone 17 Valerate equivalent to betamethasone 0.1% w/w

Inactive ingredients:

- Liquid paraffin
- Methylparaben
- propylparaben
- propylene glycol
- purified water

- emulsifying wax
- white soft paraffin
- <u>MAL number</u>
 MAL19860150AZ

Manufacturer

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