PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

TRI-ADCORTYL™ OINTMENT

Your doctor has prescribed Tri-Adcortyl Ointment for you. This leaflet gives a summary of information about your medicine. If you want to know more, or are not sure about anything, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

REMEMBER: This medicine is for YOU. Only a doctor can prescribe it. Never give it to anyone else. It may harm them even if they have the same symptoms as you.

Q. WHAT IS IN TRI-ADCORTYL OINTMENT?
A. This ointment contains four active ingredients: triamcinolone acetonide which belongs to a group of medicines called steroids which are used to reduce inflammation, nystatin which is a member of a group of medicines called anti-fungal agents, neomycin and gramicidin which are antibiotics. Each gram of Tri-Adcortyl contains 0.1% of triamcinolone acetonide, nystatin 100,000 units, neomycin 1625 units (0.25%) and gramicidin 0.025% and is supplied in tubes of 30g. The other ingredients are: liquid paraffin and polyethylene resin.

WHO SUPPLIES THIS OINTMENT?
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Q. WHAT IS THIS MEDICINE FOR?
A. Tri-Adcortyl Ointment is prescribed for infected and inflamed skin conditions including eczema.

BEFORE USING YOUR MEDICINE
Q. Should you be using Tri-Adcortyl Ointment?
A. This ointment has been prescribed to treat the skin problem that you showed your doctor. DO NOT use it on any other skin problems as it may make them worse.
DO NOT use Tri-Adcortyl Ointment if you have any of the following skin conditions:
- Tuberculosis (TB) of the skin;
- viral infections e.g. cold sores, herpes, chickenpox
- acne
- inflammation around the mouth (perioral dermatitis)
- a condition called rosacea (flushed, red face)
Tri-Adcortyl Ointment should not be used:
- inside the ears of patients with perforated eardrums (holes in eardrums)
- for long periods of time
- over large areas of the body
- in the eyes
This ointment should not be used if you have had an allergic reaction to any product containing the same ingredients as Tri-Adcortyl Ointment. If Tri-Adcortyl Ointment is to be used on the face, or on children, treatment should not be longer than 5 days and the treated area should not be covered with any airtight or waterproof plasters/dressings.
This medicine should not be used in children under one year of age.

Q. What if I am pregnant or breast feeding?
A. You should always tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant or breast feeding and let him decide if it is wise for you to use this medicine.

Q. Do you have problems with your ears or hearing?
A. Make sure that your doctor knows about any problems you have with your ears before you start using Tri-Adcortyl Ointment. Neomycin, which is one of the active ingredients, may be harmful to the ears, particularly if used in large amounts and for long periods of time.

USING YOUR MEDICINE
Q. How should I apply Tri-Adcortyl Ointment?
A. This ointment should be applied to the affected area two or occasionally three times daily. In the elderly this ointment should be used sparingly and for short periods of time. If after 7 days little or no improvement occurs then tell your doctor.

If you are using this ointment on burnt skin that has become infected or ulcerated skin, make sure you use a small amount of ointment, as these skin conditions may make it easier for the active ingredients in the ointment to pass through the skin into the bloodstream and may increase the possibility of side-effects.

Q. Are there special directions for children?
A. As children are more likely to get side effects, they should not normally be treated for longer than 5 days, unless your doctor has told you to do so.

Q. What if Tri-Adcortyl Ointment is swallowed?
A. If this ointment is swallowed tell your doctor immediately or go to your nearest hospital casualty department.

Q. What happens if you miss an application?
A. If you forget to use your ointment, apply it as soon as possible. However, if it is nearly time for your next application skip the missed dose and continue as before.

Q. What should you do if you put Tri-Adcortyl Ointment on areas of normal or healthy skin?
A. Remove the ointment with a clean tissue and wash the area with plenty of water.

UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS
Q. Are there any unwanted effects of Tri-Adcortyl Ointment?
A. If absorbed into the bloodstream, the active ingredient neomycin can damage the ears or kidney. Check with your doctor if you notice any of the following side effects: blistering, burning, itching, peeling, dryness or other signs of skin irritation not present before using this ointment.

If the ointment is used for a long time additional side effects may occur. Check with your doctor as soon as possible if you notice any of these: acne or oily skin, increased facial hair growth, increased sweating, lightheadedness on standing, reddish purple lines on arms, face, legs, trunk or groin; thinning of skin with easy bruising or wounds that are slow to heal, rashes consisting of slightly raised rounded red patches. It may also cause changes in your body's sugar levels. If you have skin reaction tests, eg for allergies, the steroid contained in this ointment may affect the result by reducing the reaction. If you notice any other unwanted effect tell your doctor or pharmacist.

LOOKING AFTER YOUR MEDICINE
Do not use your medicine after the expiry date which you will find on both the ointment tube and carton. Keep all your medicines out of reach and sight of children, preferably in a locked cupboard or medicine cabinet. Do not store Tri-Adcortyl Ointment above 25°C. If your doctor decides to stop the ointment, ask your pharmacist to tell you what to do with any you have left.

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