Hydrocortisone 100mg/1ml Solution for Injection and Hydrocortisone 500mg/5ml Solution for Injection

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine. It provides a summary of important information about your medicine. This includes how to use it safely and effectively.

1. WHAT HYDROCORTISONE INJECTION IS AND WHO IS IT USED FOR

Hydrocortisone belongs to a group of medicines called steroids. Their full name is corticosteroids. Hydrocortisone is a steroid hormone that is produced naturally in the body. Hydrocortisone reduces this inflammation, so that your body can fight the condition. You must take this medicine regularly to get maximum benefit.

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Hydrocortisone is used to treat swelling, painful joints and tendons in conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis and gout.

Hydrocortisone can also be used in:
- 1. Certain conditions such as severe asthma, allergic reactions, severe headaches, or injury or infection of the adrenal gland.
- 2. Before you are given HYDROCORTISONE INJECTION

Does not receive the injection if:
- You have allergies to hydrocortisone or any of the other ingredients of this medicine
- You need to receive a feeling or other treatment to relieve mild symptoms such as swelling
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- You have a deformed condition such as malaria, Chagas disease, or syphilis
- You have a virus infection such as measles, chickenpox or shingles, or any other respiratory infection.
low adrenal gland function; small red, purple or blue spots found; slow healing of wounds, thinning of the skin; feeling dehydrated; fluid retention causing swelling; joint stiffness causing limited motion, tendinitis, damage to tendons; thinning of bones which makes bones more likely to fracture (osteoporosis); muscle weakness; inflammation of the pancreas causing diabetes; thrush; flushing; generally feeling unwell; itching or rash; soreness; swelling of the face, lips or tongue; difficulty in breathing or wheeziness. Tell your doctor immediately. These may be signs of an allergic reaction.

If you receive more Hydrocortisone Injection than you should
Overdosing is unlikely. If it does happen the doctor will treat any symptoms that follow.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS
Like all medicines, Hydrocortisone Injection can cause side effects although not everyone gets them. Side effects can occur in both adults and children. They can affect every part of the body. These are common in both adults and children. They can affect the body in a few different ways:

- nausea
- vomiting
- loss of appetite
- dizziness
- feeling tired, weak or faint
- diarrhoea
- constipation
- weight gain or loss
- liver damage
- unusual bruising
- raised pressure in the eyes (glaucoma), cataracts, thinning and inflammation of the cornea (part of the eye), worsening of viral or fungal eye diseases, Not known: (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data)- Blurred vision; an increase in the number of white blood cells; intolerance to carbohydrates; increased appetite and weight gain; intolerance to carbohydrates; mood changes, depression, emotional disturbances; difficulty in sleeping; worsening of schizophrenia; mood swings of very rapid change; memory loss, mood changes; an increase in the number of white blood cells; formation of blood clots.

Report any side effects that you think may be serious to the doctor in order to avoid any serious side effects.
If any of the side effects becomes severe, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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5. HOW TO STORE HYDROCORTISONE INJECTION
Hydrocortisone ampoules will be stored at the healthcare centre. They should be stored at room temperature not above 25°C and kept in the carton to protect them from light. This medicine

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

What Hydrocortisone Injection looks like and the contents of the pack
Hydrocortisone Injection is a clear, colourless to pale yellow solution, which is available in packs containing 5 x 1 ml ampoules. It is available in 1 ml or 5 ml clear glass colourless to pale yellow solution, which is available in 1 ml or 5 ml clear glass ampoules.

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The following are known: (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data)
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