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1. What Bismuth Subnitrate & Iodoform Paste for Gauze is and what it is used for

Bismuth Subnitrate is a substance that reduces blood flow from an open blood vessel and has a drying or absorbent action. Iodoform is an antiseptic (preventing infection) and anaesthetic.

Bismuth & Iodoform Paste for Gauze is an antiseptic paste used to prevent infection and reduce bleeding. The paste is spread evenly on a suitable length of ribbon gauze which is then used to pack cavities after ear, nose and throat surgery or to reduce or stop a severe nose bleed.

2. Before Bismuth Subnitrate & Iodoform Paste for Gauze is used

Bismuth & Iodoform Paste for Gauze should not be used if:
- You are allergic (hypersensitive) to Bismuth Subnitrate or Iodoform.
- You have an overactive thyroid gland.
- You are pregnant.
- If any of the above applies to you, please tell your doctor or nurse.

3. How Bismuth Subnitrate & Iodoform Paste for Gauze is used

After ear nose and throat surgical procedures:

- Enough gauze should be evenly spread with the paste and packed into the cavity and thus stop or reduce the flow of blood or to pack cavities after ear, nose and throat surgery or to reduce or stop a severe nose bleed.

4. Possible side effects

Possible side effects include:
- A rash may appear at the site that the gauze is applied. This should disappear when the gauze is removed.
- In the case of large wounds, where a large quantity of paste has been used you may experience:
  - Headaches
  - Mental disorders
  - Sleepiness
  - A weak pulse
  - Blurriness
  - Difficulty sleeping
  - Confusion
  - Low moods
  - A general feeling of being unwell.

If any of the side effects gets serious, or you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

5. How to store Bismuth Subnitrate & Iodoform Paste for Gauze

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

If you do not use Bismuth Subnitrate & Iodoform Paste for Gauze after the expiry date which is stated on the label. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month. The doctor or nurse will check that the product has not passed this date and that the paste does not show signs of deterioration.

Store between 2 and 8°C.

6. Further information

What Bismuth Subnitrate & Iodoform Paste for Gauze contains.

The active ingredients are 20 w/w Bismuth Subnitrate & 40 w/w Iodoform in Liquid Paraffin. The other ingredients are Liquid Paraffin and Purified Water.

Bismuth Subnitrate & Iodoform Paste for Gauze looks like a compact.

Bismuth Subnitrate & Iodoform Paste for Gauze is supplied in laminated pouches containing 15g, 30g, 45g or 60g of the paste.

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