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

Bismuth Subnitrate and Iodoform Paste Impregnated Gauze is an antiseptic gauze used to pack cavities after ear, nose or throat surgery or to pack the nasal cavity and thus assist healing following ENT procedures. 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 Subnitrate & Iodoform Paste Impregnated Gauze is supplied in laminated pouches containing 1.25 x 100cm, 2.5 x 100cm, 1.25 x 200cm, 2.5 x 200cm, 1.25 x 300cm or 2.5 x 300cm strips of impregnated gauze.

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2. Before Bismuth & Iodoform Gauze is used

Sufficient impregnated gauze should be packed into the cavity to protect the operation site from infection. The gauze is left in place until the wound has healed or the graft has taken. It is recommended that the gauze is not removed until the graft has taken. If any of the above applies to you, please tell your doctor or nurse.

To reduce or stop a severe nosebleed:

• If you are pregnant, try for a baby or breast-feeding your doctor or nurse before Bismuth & Iodoform Gauze is used.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

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Pregnancy: Use is not recommended due to insufficient data. General supportive therapy should be given.

Contra-indications: Hypersensitivity to iodoform, iodine and bismuth. Bismuth Subnitrate has both an antiseptic and an anaesthetic action.

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What Bismuth & Iodoform Gauze contains

The active ingredients are 20% w/w Bismuth Subnitrate & 40% w/w Iodoform in Liquid Paraffin. The other ingredients are 80% w/w Paraffin, 5-Ray detectable Fast Edge Ribbon Gauze and may contain Purified Water.

What Bismuth & Iodoform Gauze looks like and contents of the pack:

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3. How Bismuth & Iodoform Gauze is used

Bismuth & Iodoform Gauze should not be used if:

• you are allergic (hypersensitive) to Bismuth Subnitrate or Iodoform.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

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4. Possible Side Effects

Like all medicines Bismuth & Iodoform Gauze can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

• A rash may appear where the gauze is applied but this should subside when the gauze is removed.

In the case of large areas where a large gauze has been used you may experience:

• headaches
• mental disorders
• sleepiness
• a tachy pulse
• clumsmess
• difficulty sleeping
• confusion
• low moods
• a general feeling of being unwell.

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

5. How to store Bismuth & Iodoform Gauze

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not use Bismuth & Iodoform Gauze after the expiry date which is stated on the label. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

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Oversorption: Severe iodine poisoning is characterised by headache, convulsion, delirium and a rapid feeble pulse. Not usually a problem when the gauze is used to pack small cavities. General supportive therapy should be given.

Pharmacokinetics: Iodoform has a marked anaesthetic and antiseptic action due to the release of iodine. Bismuth Subnitrate has both an antiseptic and an anaesthetic action.

Pharmacokinetics: Not applicable.

Incompatibilities: Oxidising agents, lead, silver and mercury salts.

Shelf life: 24 months. Store between 2-8°C protect from light.

Handling and Use: Do not open if packaging is damaged. Discard any unused gauze at the end of the session.


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