Algesal

diethylamine salicylate 10% w/w

Important information about Algesal
- This medicine relieves symptoms of various rheumatic and muscular pains when applied to the skin.
- It can be used on adults and children over 6 years.

Do not use:
- On broken skin.
- On children under 6 years or any child with a history of fits.
- If allergic to aspirin. See section 2.

Talk to your doctor:
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

1. What the medicine is for
Algesal is a cream which contains diethylamine salicylate, a local analgesic to relieve the pain of rheumatic and minor muscular conditions including lumbago, fibrositis, sciatica, bruises and strains.

2. Before you use this medicine
Do not use the medicine if:
- You are allergic to any of the ingredients listed in section 6.
- You are allergic to aspirin or medicines like aspirin.
- The surface of the skin is broken.
- A child is under 6 years old or has a history of convulsions (fits).

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are:
- A child.
- Elderly, as using too much could cause agitation and confusion.

Warnings and Precautions
Do not store above 25°C.

3. How to use this medicine
Apply it to the skin.

Ingredients
Algesal contains diethylamine salicylate 10% w/w. The other ingredients are: ethylene glycol stearate, glycerol monostearate, stearic acid, tetramethylenediamine, petrolatum, light liquid paraffin, microcrystalline wax, lavandin stearate, glycerol monostearate, stearic acid, ethylene glycol diethylamine stearate.

4. Possible side effects
Like all medicines, Algesal can have side effects, which are usually mild, although these don’t affect everyone.
- Temporary skin reactions such as redness, a burning sensation and rashes may occur.
- You may experience discomfort if used in hot weather or after a hot bath or if you have sensitive skin.
- If you notice excessive skin irritation or any other side effect not included above, stop use and tell your doctor or pharmacist. They will tell you what to do.

Reporting of side effects
If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. Storing this medicine
- Keep it out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not store above 25°C.
- Do not use after the expiry date shown on the carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Medicine should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of any unused medicine. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. Further information

Pregnant or breastfeeding:
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using this medicine if you are pregnant, might be pregnant or are breastfeeding. Algesal should not be used in pregnancy or breastfeeding unless the doctor has told you to do so.

Adults, the elderly and children over 6
- Apply a small amount to the affected area and massage until the cream is fully absorbed.
- Always try Algesal on a small area of skin first.
- Always use sparingly.
- Avoid contact with eyes and sensitive areas of the skin.
- Apply 3 times a day to the affected area.
- Wash hands well after use.

Children under 6 years
- Not recommended.
If your symptoms worsen or have not improved after 7 days of treatment, you should ask your doctor for advice.

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