

Patient Education - Acyclovir 6%, Hydrocortisone 1% Topical Ointment

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Patient Education Insert

- Apply medication to affected area as prescribed

This medication was compounded by a pharmacy per prescriber request. For external use only. Wash hands before and after use unless the medication is for your hands. Store at room temperature (68 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit). Keep away from children and pets. Do not flush unused medications or pour down a sink or drain. Do not swallow and avoid contact with eyes. Do not use more than your medical provider has instructed you to use. Do not use more often or for longer than you were instructed. Doing any of these may increase the chance of undesirable side effects.

The “Do not use after” date printed on the prescription label is generated using State & Federal compounding laws. Some preparations are made 1-3 days before the prescription is issued, in anticipation of expected demand. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to call and speak to one of our pharmacists.

Do not use if an allergic reaction occurs due to any of the listed active ingredients on the prescription label. Signs of an allergic reaction may include rash hives itching shortness of breath wheezing cough swelling of face, lips, tongue or throat or any other signs.

Contact your medical provider or pharmacy if you have concerns about listed side effects or if you experience unexpected irritation. Notify your medical provider of any medical updates and of all drug changes including over-the-counter and herbal medications.

If you miss an application, apply as soon as you remember. If it is close to the next application, skip the missed application. Do not double applications.

We want to offer you the best service possible. In the event you have a concern or complaint please call the pharmacy at 385-900-1400.

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program

Website address: <https://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm> - Toll free number: 1-888-463-6332

Your medication contains the following active ingredients. Please review the following:

Acyclovir - Antiviral

Acyclovir topical (for the skin) is an antiviral medicine that is used to treat skin symptoms caused by the herpes virus, such as cold sores on the lips and face as well as genital herpes lesions.

There is no cure for herpes and acyclovir will not prevent you from developing symptoms in the future. Acyclovir topical may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Along with its needed effects, acyclovir topical may cause some unwanted effects. Although not all of these side effects may occur, if they do occur they may need medical attention.

Some side effects of acyclovir topical may occur that usually do not need medical attention. These side effects may go away during treatment as your body adjusts to the medicine. Also, your health care professional may be able to tell you about ways to prevent or reduce some of these side effects. Check with your health care professional if any of the following side effects continue or are bothersome or if you have any questions about them:

More common: Mild pain, burning, or stinging

Less common: Itching

Rare: Itching, stinging, or redness of the genital area, skin rash

Hydrocortisone – a topical steroid that is used to treat inflammation and itching caused by skin conditions that respond to steroid medication & may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Steroid medicines can increase the glucose (sugar) levels in your blood or urine. Tell your doctor if you have diabetes.

Do not give hydrocortisone topical to a child younger than 2 years old without medical advice.

Ask a doctor before using this medicine if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Do not take by mouth. Topical medicine is for use only on the skin.

Read and carefully follow any Instructions for Use provided with your medicine. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you do not understand these instructions.

Wash your hands before and after using hydrocortisone, unless you are using this medicine to treat the skin on your hands.

Apply a thin layer of medicine to the affected skin and rub it in gently. Do not apply this medicine over a large area of skin unless your doctor has told you to.

Do not cover the treated skin area with a bandage or other covering unless your doctor tells you to. Covering treated areas can increase the amount of medicine absorbed through your skin and may cause harmful effects.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat. Do not freeze. Keep the bottle tightly closed when not in use.

Call your doctor at once if you have: worsening of your skin condition redness, warmth, swelling, oozing, or severe irritation of any treated skin high blood sugar increased thirst, increased urination, dry mouth, fruity breath odor or possible signs of absorbing this medicine through your skin weight gain (especially in your face or your upper back and torso), slow wound healing, thinning or discolored skin, increased body hair, muscle weakness, nausea, diarrhea, tiredness, mood changes, menstrual changes, sexual changes.

Less serious side effects may be more likely, and you may have none at all.