## WHITFIELD ®OINTMENT
## (Compound Benzoic Acid Ointment)

**Quantitative composition.**

Contains: Benzoic Acid 6.0% w/w and Salicylic Acid 3.0% w/w in a suitable emulsifying basis.

***Pharmaceutical form*:** Topical ointment

***Pharmacology*:** ATC Code D01AE12 Other antifungals for topical use. Benzoic Acid has antibacterial and antifungal properties. Salicylic Acid is bacteriostatic and fungicidal. It also possesses keratolytic properties.

***Pharmacokinetics:*** If systemic absorption occurs, benzoic acid is conjugated with glycine in the liver to form hippuric acid which is rapidly excreted in the urine. It may also be excreted as benzolglucuronic acid. Salicylic Acid is rapidly distributed to all the body tissues if absorbed, and the rate of excretion in the urine is dependent on the pH.

***Indications:*** Whitfield's Ointment is recommended for the topical treatment of fungal infections of the skin.

***Administration and Dosage***

Topical administration (For external application only).

Whitfield Ointment is applied topically and is for external use only. Whitfield Ointment should be applied twice daily.

***Contraindications*:** Whitfield Ointment is contraindicated in patients with a known sensitivity to Benzoic Acid or Salicylic Acid.

***Warning and Precautions*:** Whitfield's Antifungal 3% w/w & 6% w/w Ointment should not be used on skin affected by psoriasis or eczema. Cetostearyl alcohol may cause local skin reactions (e.g. contact dermatitis).Sodium laurilsulfate (E 487) may cause local skin reactions (such as stinging or burning sensation) or increase skin reactions caused by other products when applied on the same area. Sensitivity to Sodium laurilsulfate (SLS) can vary according to body site, age and patient population (children, hydration level, skin color and disease). Patient populations with decreased skin barrier functions such as in atopic dermatitis are more sensitive to the irritant properties of SLS.Whitfield's Antifungal Ointment may cause allergic reactions in some patients. Healthcare professionals should be aware that if this product comes into contact with dressings, clothing and bedding, the fabric can be easily ignited with a naked flame. Patients should be warned of this risk and advised to keep away from fire when using this product. This preparation may make skin and surfaces slippery.

***Drug interaction*:** There are no known interactions with Whitfield Ointment

***Pregnancy and Lactation*:** Whitfield Ointment should not be used in pregnancy without medical supervision

***Effects on ability to drive and use machines*:** No adverse effects reported.

***Adverse reactions***: Side effects With Whitfield Ointment are very rare. Allergic reactions to Benzoic Acid have been reported. It can be irritant to the eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Salicylic Acid is a mild irritant, and application of preparations containing salicylic acid to the skin may cause dermatitis. Symptoms of acute salicylate poisoning have been reported after prolonged application of salicylic acid ointments to large areas of the body.

***Overdose management:*** No special procedures or antidote is likely to be necessary. Treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

***Presentation*:** 20g packed in collapsible tube in a unit box with literature insert.

***Shelf life:*** 3 years from the date of manufacture.

***Storage:*** Do not store above $30^0$C. Protect from direct sunlight. Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

***Distribution category*:** Prescription only medicine (POM).

***Manufactured by:***

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