Mediven-S

OINTMENT

Betamethasone dipropionate and Salicylic acid

Presentation:
Mediven-S ointment is white in colour, containing Betamethasone dipropionate BP equivalent to Betamethasone BP 0.05% w/w and Salicylic acid BP 3% w/w.

Pharmacological Actions:
Betamethasone dipropionate is a synthetic fluorinated corticosteroid. Topically Betamethasone dipropionate shows anti-inflamatory, anti-pruritic and vasoconstrictive properties. Topical salicylic acid softens keratin, has keratolytic, bacteriostatic and fungicidal actions, loosens cornified epithelium and desquamates the epidermis.

Indications:
Mediven-S combines Betamethasone dipropionate and Salicylic acid in one formulation. It is indicated for the relief of the inflammatory manifestations of hyperkeratotic and dry corticosteroid-responsive dermatoses. These include psoriasis, chronic atopic dermatitis, lichen planus, eczema and dyshidrosis.

Dosage and administration:
Mediven-S ointment should be applied thinly to the affected area twice a day. In some cases adequate response may be achieved with once a day application.

Contra-indications, Warning etc.:
Mediven-S ointment is contra-indicated in tuberculosis, rosacea, acne, peri-oral dermatitis and hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients. It should also not be applied to viral lesions of the skin, especially herpes simplex, varicella and vaccinia. In the presence of a fungal or bacterial skin infection, Mediven-S should be used only with appropriate anti-infective therapy.

Precautions:
Where possible, long term continuous therapy should be avoided, especially in pregnant women, children and infants, as systemic absorption of the corticosteroid can lead to adrenal-suppression. Long term therapy should also be avoided on the face. Avoid contact with the eyes and mucous membranes. Absorption is increased if large body areas or skin folds are treated for prolonged periods of time.

Side Effects:
Burning, itching, irritation, folliculitis, and hypertrichosis are some of the side-effects of topical corticosteroid therapy. Continuous application can lead to local atrophy of the skin, striae and superficial vascular dilation, particularly of the face.

Overdosage:
Suppression of pituitary-adrenal function, due to excessive prolonged use of Mediven-S ointment, can result in reversible secondary adrenal insufficiency. In such overdosage, appropriate symptomatic treatment and withdrawal of therapy is recommended.

Storage:
Store below 25°C, in a dry and dark place. Keep out of reach of children.

Legal Category:
Prescription only medicine (POM)

Package Quantity:
Mediven-S ointment is available in tubes of 15g

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