

AnthisanTM Cream (ann-thi-san)

Mepyramine maleate (me-pea-rar-mine mall-e-ate)

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Anthisan Cream.

It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor or pharmacist has weighed the risks of you using this medicine against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

If you have any concerns about using this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet with the medicine. You may need to read it again.

What Anthisan Cream is used for

Anthisan Cream is a type of antihistamine used for the relief of insect bites, stings and nettle rash.

Anthisan Cream works by relieving the pain, itching and inflammation from insect bites, stings and nettle rash.

Your doctor, however, may recommend Anthisan Cream for another purpose.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about why it has been recommended for you.

Before you use it

When you must not use it

Do not use Anthisan Cream if you have:

- eczema

- extensively broken skin on the area with the insect bite, sting or nettle rash.

Do not use Anthisan Cream if you are allergic to it or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Do not use it if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

There is limited information about the use of Anthisan during pregnancy.

Do not use it if you are breast-feeding or planning to breast-feed.

There is limited information about the use of Anthisan during breast-feeding.

Do not use it after the expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack.

If you use it after the expiry date has passed, it may not work as well.

Do not use it if the packaging is damaged or shows signs of tampering.

Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have allergies to:

- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
- any other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are breast-feeding or planning to breast-feed.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have or have had any medical conditions, especially the following:

- eczema
- extensively broken skin.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you plan to have surgery.

If you have not told your doctor or pharmacist about any of the above, tell them before you use Anthisan Cream.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food store.

Some medicines may interact with Anthisan Cream.

How to use it

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Apply Anthisan Cream directly to the site of the insect bite or sting or nettle rash, two to three times a day.

When to use it

For best results, use as soon as possible after the bite or sting.

How long to use it

Use for up to three days.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure how long to use the medicine for.

If you use too much (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor, or the Poisons Information Centre (telephone New Zealand 0800 POISON or 0800 764766), or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have used too much Anthisan Cream.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

While you are using it

Things you must do

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are using Anthisan Cream.

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are using Anthisan Cream.

If you plan to have surgery that needs a general anaesthetic, tell your doctor or dentist that you are using this medicine.

Things you must not do

Do not use more than the recommended dose unless your doctor or pharmacist tells you to.

Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

Do not use this medicine to treat any other complaints unless your doctor or pharmacist tells you to.

Side effects

All medicines have some unwanted side effects. Sometimes they are serious, but most of the time they are not. Your doctor or pharmacist has weighed the risks of using this medicine against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

Do not be alarmed by the possible side effects.

You may not experience any of them.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are using Anthisan Cream.

It helps most people with the relief of insect bites and stings and nettle rash, but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- skin sensitisation (e.g. rash)

This is a rare side effect of this medicine. If this occurs, stop use immediately.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

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After using it

If you have any queries about any aspect of your medicine, or any questions regarding the information in this leaflet, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

Storage

Keep the medicine in a cool, dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Do not store it or any other medicine in the bathroom, near a sink, or on a windowsill.

Do not leave it in the car.

Heat and damp can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Disposal

If your doctor or pharmacist tells you to stop using Anthisan Cream, or it has passed its expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any that are left over.

Return any unused medicine to your pharmacist.

Product description

What it looks like

Anthisan Cream is a cream in a metal tube with a plastic cap.

Ingredients

Active Ingredient:

- mepyramine maleate

Inactive Ingredients:

- ceto-stearyl alcohol
- polyethylene glycol 600 monostearate
- castor oil
- methyl hydroxybenzoate
- foin coupe
- silicone antifoam
- purified water

Anthisan Cream does not contain gluten, sucrose, lactose, tartrazine or any other azo dyes.

Manufacturer/Sponsor

Anthisan Cream is made in Ireland.

Anthisan Cream is supplied in New Zealand by:

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