

# Consumer Medicine Information

## 3% CITANEST<sup>®</sup> DENTAL WITH OCTAPRESSIN

*Dental injection*

*Prilocaine hydrochloride with felypressin*

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### What is in this leaflet

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**Citanest Dental** is a medicine which is used to stop pain during dental procedures.

This leaflet answers some of the common questions people ask about **Citanest Dental**. It does not contain all the information that is known about **Citanest Dental**.

It does not take the place of talking to your dentist, dental nurse or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your dentist will have weighed the risks of you being given **Citanest Dental** against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

**If you have any concerns about being given this medicine, ask your dentist, dental nurse or pharmacist.**

**Keep this leaflet.** You may need to read it again.

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### What CITANEST DENTAL is for

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**Citanest Dental** is used to prevent or relieve pain during dental procedures, but it will not put you to sleep.

**Citanest Dental** belongs to a group of medicines called local anaesthetics. It is injected into the body where it makes the nerves unable to pass messages to the brain.

Depending on the amount used, **Citanest Dental** will either totally stop pain or will cause a partial loss of feeling.

**Citanest Dental** is often used with Octapressin( (felypressin) to make it last longer. Felypressin makes the blood vessels at the site of injection narrower, which means you bleed less. It is then easier for your dentist to see what is happening.

Your dentist will have explained why you are being treated with **Citanest Dental**.

**Follow all directions given to you by your dentist carefully.** They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. Ask your dentist if you want more information.

**Citanest Dental** is not addictive.

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# Before you are given CITANEST DENTAL

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## *When you must not be given it*

**Do not use Citanest Dental if you are pregnant or breastfeeding unless your doctor and dentist say so. Ask your doctor or dentist about the risks and benefits of being given Citanest Dental while you are pregnant.**

**Citanest Dental** has been widely used for dental procedures during pregnancy with no reports of ill effects to the mother or baby.

It is not known if **Citanest Dental** appears in breast milk.

**Citanest Dental will only be used if the solution is clear, the package is undamaged and the use by (expiry) date marked on the pack has not been passed.**

## *Before you are given it*

**You must tell your dentist if:**

### **1. you have any allergies to**

- other local anaesthetics, e.g. lignocaine
- ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
- any other substances.

If you have an allergic reaction, you may get a skin rash, hayfever, have difficulty breathing or feel faint.

### **2. you have any of these medical conditions**

- a problem with your blood called methaemoglobinaemia
- problems with your blood pressure or circulation
- blood poisoning
- problems with the clotting of your blood
- nerve problems
- heart problems
- liver problems
- kidney problems
- malignant hyperthermia
- infection or inflammation at the site of injection.

It may not be safe for you to be given **Citanest Dental** if you have any of these conditions.

### **3. if you are taking**

- mexilitene
- any other medicines, including medicines that you buy at the chemist, supermarket or health food shop.

These medicines may affect the way **Citanest Dental** works.

Your dentist can tell you what to do if you are taking any of these medicines.

If you have not told your dentist about any of these things, tell him/her before you are given **Citanest Dental**.

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## How CITANEST DENTAL is given

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**Citanest Dental** will be injected by your dentist into the skin inside your mouth near a single nerve, or into an area which contains a large number of nerves.

This will result in an area of numbness at the site or near the site of injection.

**Citanest Dental** should not be injected directly into the blood.

The dosage you will be given will depend on your body size, age and the type of dental work you will be having done.

Your dentist will have had a lot of experience injecting **Citanest Dental** or other local anaesthetics and will choose the best dose for you. They will be willing to discuss this decision with you.

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## Overdose

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**The dentist giving you Citanest Dental will be experienced in the use of local anaesthetics, so it is unlikely that you will be given an overdose.**

However, if you are particularly sensitive to **Citanest Dental**, or the dose is accidentally injected directly into your blood, you may develop problems for a short time. You may get a numb feeling in or around the mouth, feel dizzy or stiff, or have muscle twitching.

Whenever you are given **Citanest Dental**, equipment will be available to care for you if an overdose happens.

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## While you are using it

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### ***Things you must not do***

**Do not eat or drink anything until the feeling has returned to your mouth.** You may burn or bite yourself.

### ***Things to be careful of***

**Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Citanest Dental affects you.** You may be drowsy and your reflexes may be slow.

**Do not drink alcohol immediately before or after you are to be given Citanest Dental.** If you drink alcohol while you are being given **Citanest Dental** your blood pressure may drop making you feel dizzy and faint.

Please talk to your dentist, dental nurse or pharmacist about these possibilities if you think they may bother you.

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## Side effects

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**Tell your dentist or dental nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given Citanest Dental.**

**Citanest Dental** helps most people have pain-free visits to the dentist, but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people.

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the side effects.

**Ask your dentist, dental nurse or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.**

**Tell your dentist if you notice any of the following:**

- nervousness
- dizziness
- blurred vision
- drowsiness
- ringing in the ears
- numbness
- feeling strange (disoriented)
- nausea
- vomiting.

These are all mild side effects of **Citanest Dental**.

**Tell your dentist immediately if you notice any of the following:**

- feeling of alarm
- rapid heart beat (palpitations).

These are serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention

Serious side effects are rare.

**If Citanest Dental is given wrongly, or you are very sensitive to it, it sometimes causes**

- fits
- unconsciousness
- breathing problems
- low blood pressure
- slow heart beat
- collapse.

These are very serious side effects. If you have them, you may have had a serious (allergic) reaction to **Citanest Dental**. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation.

All of these side effects are very rare.

**Tell your dentist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell.**

Some people may get other side effects while using **Citanest Dental**.

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## **After using it**

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### ***Storage***

**Citanest Dental** will be stored by your dentist under the recommended conditions.

**It should be kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C. It should be protected from light.**

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## **Disposal**

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**Any Citanest Dental from a single dose which is not used, will be disposed of in a safe manner by your dentist.**

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## **Product description**

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**Citanest Dental** is a clear, colourless solution and is available under the following name:

### **3% Citanest Dental with Octapressin® 0.03 IU/mL**

The active ingredients are prilocaine hydrochloride 30 mg/mL and felypressin 0.03 IU/mL,  
plus  
Sodium chloride  
Sodium hydroxide and/or hydrochloric acid for pH adjustment  
Water for Injections.

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## **Sponsor:**

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