

# **Oracort**

## **Triamcinolone acetonide dental paste USP, 0.1%**

### **Presentation**

Adhesive ointment; 0.1% triamcinolone acetonide, in emollient dental paste containing gelatin, pectin, and carboxymethylcellulose sodium in Plasticized Hydrocarbon Gel (a polyethylene and mineral oil gel base).

### **Uses**

#### ***Actions***

Triamcinolone acetonide is a synthetic corticosteroid which possesses anti-inflammatory anti-pruritic, and anti-allergic action which may provide prompt relief of oral tenderness, pain, inflammation and ulceration. The emollient dental paste is an adhesive vehicle for applying medication to oral surfaces. This adhesive maintains the medication in close contact with the lesion and provides a protective covering which augments the effects of the steroid.

#### ***Indications***

Triamcinolone Acetonide Dental Paste USP is indicated for adjunctive treatment and for the temporary relief of symptoms associated with oral inflammatory lesions resulting from trauma.

### **Dosage and Administration**

Press a small dab (about 6mm) to the lesion until a thin film develops. A larger quantity may be required for coverage of some lesions. For optimal results use only enough to coat the lesion with a thin film. Do not rub in. Attempting to spread this preparation may result in a granular, gritty sensation and cause it to crumble. After application, however, a smooth, slippery film develops.

The preparation should be applied at bedtime to permit steroid contact with the lesion throughout the night. Depending on the severity of symptoms, it may be necessary to apply the preparation two to three times a day, preferably after meals. If significant repair or regeneration has not occurred in seven days, further investigation is advisable.

### **Contraindications**

This preparation is contra-indicated in patients with a history of hypersensitivity to any of its components.

Because it contains a corticosteroid, the preparation is contraindicated in the presence of fungal, viral, or bacterial infections of the mouth or throat.

## **Warnings and Precautions**

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#### ***Use during Pregnancy***

Safe use of this product during pregnancy has not been established with respect to possible adverse reactions on foetal development; therefore it should not be used in women of child bearing potential and particularly during early pregnancy unless in the judgement of the physician or dentist the potential benefits outweigh the possible hazards.

### ***Precautions***

Patients with tuberculosis, peptic ulcer or diabetes mellitus should not be treated with any corticosteroid preparation without the advice of the patient's physician. It should be borne in mind that the normal defensive responses of the oral tissues are depressed in patients receiving topical corticosteroid therapy. Virulent strains of oral organisms may multiply without producing the usual warning symptoms of oral infections.

The small amount of steroid released when the preparation is used as recommended makes systemic effects very unlikely; however, they are a possibility when topical corticosteroid preparations are used over a long period of time.

If local irritation or sensitisation should develop, the preparation should be discontinued and appropriate therapy instituted.

If significant repair or regeneration of oral tissues has not occurred in seven days, additional investigation into the aetiology of the oral lesion is advised.

## **Adverse Effects**

Prolonged administration may elicit the adverse reactions known to occur with systemic steroid preparations; for example adrenal suppression, alteration of glucose metabolism, protein catabolism, peptic ulcer activations, and others. These are usually reversible and disappear when the hormone is discontinued.

## **Pharmaceutical Precautions**

Store below 30 degrees celsius; keep tube tightly closed.

## **Medicines Classification**

Restricted Medicine.

## **Package Quantities**

Ointment, 0.1%, 5g, 1s.

## **Further Information**

Nil

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