

Artisan Anaesthetics.

PRE-PROCEDURE ANAESTHETIC INFORMATION LEAFLET

WHAT IS IN THIS LEAFLET

This leaflet answers some of the common questions about Artisan Chemist's compounded topical anaesthetics.

It does not contain all available information.

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

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

WHAT THIS PREPARATION IS USED FOR

This preparation is used as a local anaesthetic (i.e. for pain relief) on the skin prior to procedures including superficial cosmetic procedures. This preparation is available as a cream or ointment which is applied to the skin. Follow all directions given to you by your Clinician or pharmacist carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. This preparation is a mixture of two local anaesthetics, lidocaine and Tetracaine and for during treatment preparations, epinephrine is also added. These local anaesthetics are combined with special agents which allow the anaesthetics to pass through the skin. Once through the skin the anaesthesia effect they produce allows minor surgical procedures to be done without you feeling any pain. However, you may still experience sensations such as pressure and touch in this area. This preparation is not addictive.

BEFORE YOU USE THIS PREPARATION

WHEN YOU MUST NOT USE IT

This preparation should only be used on unbroken skin. Do not use this preparation on areas with an infection, skin rash, cuts, grazes or other open wounds.

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, you should always be careful with the use of medicines. This preparation has not been shown to have any harmful effects in these situations. Even so, you should always check with your Clinician before using any medicine during pregnancy or breast-feeding. Do not use after the use by (expiry) date printed on the label. It may have no effect at all, or worse, an entirely unexpected effect if you use it after the expiry date.

BEFORE YOU START TO USE IT

Tell your Clinician or pharmacist about any of these:

1. Allergies to the following:
 - Ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
 - Local anaesthetics, for example those used at the dentist
2. Any of these medical conditions:
 - dermatitis
 - methemoglobinemia
 - glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency

It may not be safe for you to use this preparation if you have any of these conditions.

Care should be taken when applying this preparation to patients with atopic dermatitis. A shorter application time, 15-30 minutes, may be sufficient.

TAKING OTHER MEDICINES

Tell your Clinician or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including:

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- a sulphonamide antibiotic e.g. cotrimoxazole
- medicines used to treat irregular heartbeat such as amiodarone
- other local anaesthetics
- medicines that you buy at your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

These medicines may affect the way this preparation works.

USING NUMBING CREAM

HOW TO USE IT

Instructions on how to use these preparations are included on the label. Please read them carefully.

The instructions also give maximum doses for adults.

Do not exceed the maximum doses.

SIDE EFFECTS

Tell your Clinician or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are using this preparation.

A mild reaction (paleness or redness of the skin, slight puffiness, initial burning or itching) may occur on the area on which this preparation is used. These are normal reactions to the anaesthetics and will disappear in a short while without any measures being needed.

If any of the following happen, remove this preparation, and tell your Clinician immediately or go to your nearest hospital:

- a rash at a spot where this preparation is not being used
- difficulty with breathing
- dizziness
- shaky hands
- blurred vision

- areas of the skin becoming blue.

These are very serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation. These side effects are very rare. Some people may get other side effects while using this preparation.

AFTER USING IT

STORAGE

Keep your topical anaesthetics sealed in the container its dispensed in until it is time to use it.

Keep it in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C. Do not let it freeze. Do not store it or any other medicine in the bathroom or near a sink. Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines. Keep it where young children cannot reach it. A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines. Do not leave it in the car on hot days.

DISPOSAL

Ask your pharmacist what to do with any numbing cream you have left over if your Clinician tells you to stop using it, or you find that it has expired.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

INGREDIENTS

The active ingredients our topical anaesthetic range are:

Pre-Treatment Cream

Active Ingredients

- Lidocaine 6%
- Tetracaine 4%

Inactive Ingredients

- Aqua purificata
- Cetearyl alcohol
- Polysorbate 60
- Dicaprylyl carbonate
- Isohexadecane
- Isododecane
- C13-C15 alkane

- Glyceryl stearate
- PEG-75 stearate
- Lecithin
- Glycerin
- Alcohol
- Tocopheryl acetate
- Benzoic acid (0.1%)
- Disodium EDTA
- Simethicone
- Sorbic acid (0.1%)
- Sodium hydroxide
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Pre-Treatment Ointment

Active Ingredients

- Lidocaine 6%
- Tetracaine 4%

Inactive Ingredients

- Glycerin
- Petrolatum

During-Treatment Gel

Active Ingredients

- Lidocaine 6%,
- Tetracaine 4%,
- Epinephrine Bitartrate 0.1%

Inactive Ingredients

- Aqua purificata
- Isopropyl myristate
- Lecithin
- Isopropyl palmitate
- Glyceryl stearate
- PEG-40 stearate
- Stearic acid
- Simethicone
- Urea
- Cetyl alcohol
- Stearyl alcohol
- Potassium sorbate
- Benzoic acid
- BHT
- Disodium EDTA
- Sorbic acid
- Carbomer
- Sodium Metabisulfite

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