

Hydrocortisone; Lidocaine rectal cream or gel

MEDICATION GUIDE

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What is this medicine?

HYDROCORTISONE; LIDOCAINE (hye droe KOR ti sone; LYE doe kane) is a corticosteroid combined with an anesthetic pain reliever. It is used to decrease swelling, itching, and pain that is caused by minor rectal irritation or hemorrhoids.

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

How should I use this medicine?

This medicine is for rectal use only. Some products are applied to the skin surrounding the rectal area. Other products are gently inserted into the rectum. Follow the instructions that come in the package. Wash your hands before and after use. Use your medicine at regular intervals. Do not use it more often than directed.

Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. Special care may be needed.

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What if I miss a dose?

If you miss a dose, use it as soon as you can. If it is almost time

for your next dose, use only that dose. Do not use double or extra doses.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?

They need to know if you have any of these conditions:

- Diabetes
- Large areas of burned or damaged skin
- Liver disease
- Skin infection (especially a virus infection such as chickenpox, cold sores, or herpes)
- Skin wasting or thinning
- Tuberculosis
- An unusual or allergic reaction to hydrocortisone, lidocaine, other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives
- Pregnant or trying to get pregnant
- Breast-feeding

What may interact with this medicine?

- Certain medicines for irregular heart beat

Do not use any other skin products on the affected area without asking your doctor or health care professional.

This list may not describe all possible interactions. Give your health care provider a list of all the medicines, herbs, non-prescription drugs, or dietary supplements you use. Also tell them if you smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs. Some items may interact with your medicine.

What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?

Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible:

- Allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue
- Burning feeling on the skin
- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Infection
- Lack of healing of skin conditions
- Palpitations
- Tremor

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (Report these to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome.):

- Dry skin, irritation

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I watch for while using this medicine?

Tell your doctor or health care professional if your symptoms do not start to get better or if they get worse.

Do not get this medicine in your eyes. If you do, rinse out with plenty of cool tap water.

This medicine can make certain skin conditions worse. Only use it for conditions for which your doctor or health care professional has prescribed.

Be careful to avoid injury to the treated area while the area is numb and you are not aware of pain.

Where should I keep my medicine?

Keep out of the reach of children.

Store at room temperature between 15 and 30 degrees C (59 and 86 degrees F). Throw away any unused medicine after the expiration date.

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