

Prescription Information

This treatment plan contains important information regarding the medication that was prescribed to you by your doctor. The following includes: ingredient information, side effects, dosing instructions, proper storage, and other information important for you to know before starting treatment.

What is the medication used for?

This treatment plan may help lighten darkened or hyperpigmented areas, reduce redness and swelling, prevent the formation of excess melanin in skin, and increase healthy cell turnover.

FAQ's

Please visit the Family Pharmacy website FAQ section or search the <https://www.familypharmacy.org/our-blog-2> for more informative articles and literature.

Prescription formula ingredients may include:

Hydrocortisone Hydroquinone Kojic acid Tretinoin in a Prescription Dermatology Cream

Ingredient Descriptions:

Hydrocortisone is a mild topical steroid which helps locally with inflammation, redness, itching, and swelling.

Hydroquinone is a topical lightening agent which may help prevent the formation of excess melanin in skin, which causes a darkened appearance.

Kojic acid is an agent found in mushrooms which may help lighten skin when applied topically.

Tretinoin is a derivative of vitamin A found to increase healthy cell turnover which helps reduce the appearance of fine lines and dark spots. .

What is the best way to use this medication?

Apply a light coating of cream to clean, dry skin on affected areas, once daily at bedtime, or twice daily, as directed by your doctor. Wash hands after application, and avoid excess sun exposure. Melasma formula is usually not used for longer than 8 weeks unless directed otherwise by your doctor. Therapy should be discontinued when control is achieved unless directed otherwise by your doctor.

What should I tell my doctor before starting this medication?

Tell your doctor of any medication or ingredient allergies or sensitivities that you may have. Tell your doctor if you are allergic to any of the drugs in this formulation, as well as related drugs (vitamin C, ascorbic acid, acetyl hexapeptide, panthenol, vitamin B5, sodium hyaluronate, hyaluronic acid). Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or breastfeeding.

Pregnancy & Breastfeeding

This compound has not been evaluated for use during pregnancy or breast feeding. If you are pregnant, breast feeding, or trying to become pregnant use this medication only at the discretion of your doctor.

What are the possible side effects of this medication?

Itching, redness, scaling and dryness may occur and can be managed with frequent use of an everyday moisturizer. You may also commonly experience peeling, burning, stinging, increased sensitivity to the sun. Stop using the formula and call your doctor at once if you have: severe skin dryness, cracking, bleeding, blisters, oozing, or blue or black discoloration of the skin (especially if you are Hispanic or African-American).

How long until I see a desired effect from this medication?

Improvements are usually noticed during the first month of treatment. Brown spots may begin to fade at around 6-8 weeks. Discontinuation of treatment usually results in a loss of pharmacological effect, with remission periods appearing to shorten between progressive courses of treatment

Allergies

This medication may cause an allergic reaction if you are allergic to the contained ingredients, or ones that are very similar. If you have an allergy to the contained chemicals listed or related chemicals, please reach out to us and contact your doctor. Get emergency medical help if you have signs of an allergic reaction such as: hives, difficulty breathing, swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

How should I store this medication?

If the product has arrived warm, wait 2 hours before using. Store this medication in a cool, dry environment, protected from light, at room temperature (68F-77F). Always make sure the container is tightly closed when not using the medication. Keep all medications in a safe place out of reach of pets and children.

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