

Carton/Leaflet INFORMATION

FOR THE USER

Corsodyl 1% w/w Dental Gel

chlorhexidine digluconate

What is Corsodyl Dental Gel for?

The active ingredient is chlorhexidine digluconate which is an antibacterial agent that reduces the formation of dental plaque and is used to:

- **Treat and prevent gum disease (gums may bleed when brushed)**
- **Maintain mouth hygiene**
- **Promote healing after dental surgery or treatment**
- **Control recurring mouth ulcers**
- **Manage denture sore mouth and recurring oral thrush**
- **Prevent cavities for those at high risk of tooth decay**

Check before you use:

Do not use:

- **If you have ever had an allergic reaction to chlorhexidine digluconate** or any of the other ingredients (see Further information).
- **In children under 12 years** unless recommended by a dentist.
- **Anywhere other than in your mouth.** Wash thoroughly if you get any in your eyes or ears.
- **Immediately after brushing your teeth.** See Take special care with Corsodyl for more information.

Take special care with Corsodyl:

- **Stop using the gel and seek immediate help if you get a serious allergic reaction.** See Possible side effects for more information.
- Temporary **staining of the teeth and tongue** may occur. See Possible side effects for more information.
- You may notice a **change in taste, burning sensation, tingling, or numbness of the mouth.** See Possible side effects for more information.
- **Toothpastes can stop Corsodyl working.** Rinse your mouth thoroughly with water and wait 5 minutes after brushing your teeth before using Corsodyl. You can also use the gel at a different time of day.
- **Do not bleach fabrics** that have been in contact with the gel.

Pregnancy and breast feeding:

- You can use Corsodyl if you are pregnant or **breast feeding**.

How to use

- **Do not swallow.**
- **Do not exceed the stated dose.**
- **Gum disease:** Brush your teeth for at least one minute once or twice daily using 2 cm of gel.

Continue the treatment for about one month.

- **Mouth ulcers & oral thrush:** Apply gel directly to the sore areas using your finger tip or a cotton bud once or twice daily for at least one minute. Continue use for 2 days after healing has occurred.
- **Denture sore mouth:** Thoroughly brush all over dentures with 2.5 cm of gel on a moistened toothbrush, once or twice daily for about one month.
- **Dental surgery or tooth decay:** Use as directed by your dentist.

If your symptoms persist, **see your dentist**.

Possible side effects

Corsodyl can have side effects, but not everybody gets them.

- **Stop using the gel and seek immediate medical help** if you get a **rash, swelling of the lips, tongue, throat, or face or have difficulty breathing**. These effects may be symptoms of a severe allergic reaction which is very rare.
- **Stop using the gel and tell your dentist** if you get **irritation, soreness or swelling of the mouth**.

Other side effects that may occur:

- Temporary **staining of the tongue**. This disappears when treatment is stopped.
- Temporary **staining of the teeth**. This can normally be removed by brushing. You can avoid staining by not drinking tea, coffee, or red wine – especially one hour after use, and by brushing daily with toothpaste (see Check before you use). If staining continues it can be removed with a scale & polish from your dentist or hygienist. You can clean your dentures with denture cleaner.

You may notice a **change in taste, burning sensation, tingling, or numbness of the mouth** when you first use the gel. This usually goes away with continued use.

If you do get any side effects, even those not mentioned above, **tell your doctor, dentist, or pharmacist**.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed on this carton. You can also report side effects directly via HPRA Pharmacovigilance. Website: www.hpra.ie.

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

How to store

Keep out of the sight and reach of children. Use within 1 month of opening. Do not use after the 'EXP' date shown on the pack.

Do not store above 25°C.

Further information

Active ingredient: Chlorhexidine Digluconate 1% w/w.

Other ingredients: Hydroxypropylcellulose, macroglycerol hydroxystearate, sodium acetate, levomenthol, peppermint oil, isopropyl alcohol and water. Macroglycerol hydroxystearate may cause skin reactions.

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