SAVLON ANTISEPTIC CREAM

Cetrimide 0.5% w/w and Chlorhexidine Digluconate 0.1%w/w

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.

Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.

- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.

- If you get any side-effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side-effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse.

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1. WHAT SAVLON ANTISEPTIC CREAM IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

Savlon Antiseptic Cream contains the active substances Cetrimide and Chlorhexidine Digluconate. It is used for the cleansing and prevention of skin infections in first aid (minor burns, small wounds, insect bites & stings) and minor skin problems (including blisters & sores, chapped skin, nappy rash, spots, blackheads and sunburn).

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU USE SAVLON ANTISEPTIC CREAM

Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse before using Savlon Antiseptic Cream.

Do not use Savlon Antiseptic Cream:

If you are allergic to any of the ingredients, especially Chlorhexidine as it may cause allergic reactions. Savlon contains cetostearyl alcohol and parahydroxybenzoates that may cause local skin reactions (e.g. contact dermatitis) or allergic reactions (possibly delayed). Savlon also contains fragrances with limonene, linalool, benzyl benzoate and citral which may cause allergic reactions.

Warnings and precautions

- Savlon Antiseptic Cream is for external use only. Do **NOT** swallow.

- You may experience discomfort if you have sensitive skin.

- Stop using this cream if you experience irritation or other unwanted effects.

- Avoid contact with the brain, meninges (the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord) and middle ear.

- Savlon Antiseptic Cream must not come into contact with the eye due to the risk of visual damage. If it comes into contact with the eyes, wash out immediately and thoroughly with water. In case of any irritation, redness or pain in the eye, or visual disturbance, ask for medical advice promptly.

- Serious cases of persistent corneal injury (injury to the surface of the eye) potentially requiring corneal transplant have been reported when similar products have accidentally come in contact with the eye during surgical procedures, in patients under general anaesthesia (deep painless sleep).

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine. After using this product, as a general precaution, rinse the affected area thoroughly with water before breast-feeding.

3. HOW TO USE SAVLON ANTISEPTIC CREAM

Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist have told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

- Wash hands thoroughly before and after the application

- Clean the affected area with clean water and pat dry.

- Gently apply the cream to the wound using your fingers or gauze

- For cuts and small wounds, protect the affected area with a plaster or non-adherent dressing. Burns and scalds are best left uncovered.

Repeat the process if required.

If you or a child accidentally swallow some of this cream, you should contact your doctor or local accident and emergency department immediately.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE-EFFECTS

Like all medicines, Savlon Antiseptic Cream can cause side-effects, although not everybody gets them. **If you experience any of these or other side effects, stop using the cream and seek medical advice**.

- Difficulty breathing

- Swelling of the face, tongue or throat,

- Dizziness.

Other possible side effects, for which it is not known how often they occur, are:

- Allergic skin disorders such as dermatitis (inflammation of the skin), pruritus (itch), erythema (redness of the skin), eczema, rash, urticaria (hives), skin irritation and blisters.

- Corneal injury (injury to the surface of the eye), and permanent eye damage including permanent visual impairment (following accidental ocular exposure during head, face and neck surgical procedures) in patients under general anaesthesia (deep painless sleep).

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 in this leaflet. 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.

5. HOW TO STORE SAVLON ANTISEPTIC CREAM

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not store above 25°C. Use within 6 months of opening. Do not use after the expiry date shown on the end of the tube.

6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

What Savlon Antiseptic Cream contains

The active substances are:

Cetrimide 0.5%w/w, Chlorhexidine Digluconate 0.1% w/w.

The other ingredients are:

Cetostearyl alcohol, liquid paraffin, methyl hydroxybenzoate (E218),

propyl hydroxybenzoate (E216), disodium edetate, perfume (including limonene, linalool, benzyl benzoate, citral) & purified water.

What Savlon Antiseptic Cream looks like and the contents of the pack

Savlon Antiseptic Cream is available in aluminium lacquered tubes of 15, 30, 40, 60 and 100 grams. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer:

Clonmel Healthcare Ltd Waterford Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, Ireland

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