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Difflam PUS ANAESTHETIC

Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free)

Description

Honey Lemon Flavour (yellow coloured lozenges), blister pack, 16's Menthol & Eucalyptus Flavour (blue coloured lozenges) blister pack, 16's

What is Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free)?

Each Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free) contains Benzydamine hydrochloride 3mg, Lignocaine hydrochloride 4mg and Dichlorobenzyl alcohol 1.2mg. It also contains isomalt and sucralose as sweetening agent.

How does Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free) work?

Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free) contains three ingredients:

- 1. Benzydamine hydrochloride is an anti-inflammatory and analgesic agent. It helps to reduce swelling
- 2. Lignocaine is a local anaesthetic agent. Its numbing effect helps to reduce pain.
- 3. Dichlorobenzyl alcohol is an antiseptic and anti-bacterial agent. The presence has not been shown to have beneficial effects on the severity or duration of a sore throat.

What Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free) is used for?

Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free) is used for fast relief of painful conditions of the oral cavity including tonsillitis, sore throat, radiation mucositis, aphthous ulcers, pharyngitis, swelling, inflammatory conditions, post orosurgical and periodontal procedures.

How much and how often should you use this medicine?

One lozenge should be dissolved slowly in the mouth every two to three hours as required up to a maximum of 12 lozenges per day. Uninterrupted treatment should not exceed seven days. Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free) should not be chewed. It is not recommended in children under 6 years of age.

When should you not take this medicine?

- Patients with known hypersensitivity to benzydamine hydrochloride, lignocaine, dichlorobenzyl alcohol or to any other ingredients present in Difflam® Plus Angesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free).
- Children under 6 years of age.

Undesirable effects/side effects

Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free) is generally well tolerated and side effects are minor. The most commonly reported reaction is oral numbness, occasional burning and stinging sensation. Other local adverse effects are less common and included dryness or thirst, tingling, warm feeling in mouth and altered sense of taste. Serious side effects are rare. These include nausea, vomiting, retching, gastro-intestinal disorders, dizziness, headache and drowsiness. Hypersensitivity reactions occur very rarely.

What other medicine or food should be avoided whilst taking this medicine?

There are no known drug interactions with Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free). Consult your physician if you are taking any other medications. Caution use is recommended if you are currently taking erythromycin, itraconazole, cimetidine, fluvoxamine, beta blockers and other antiarrhythmic drugs (e.g. Mexiletine) as the toxicity of oral lidocaine may be increased when these drugs are taken in combination.

What should you do if you miss a dose?

If you forget to take Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free), take the next dose as soon as you remember. Do not take a double dose to make up for a dose you have missed.

How should you keep this medicine?

Keep your medicine in the original pack until it is time to take it. Keep your medicine in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C.

Signs & symptoms of overdose

There are no known cases of overdosage with Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free). Symptoms of lignocaine overdose may include severe hypotension, bradycardia, arrhythmia, yawning, restlessness, excitement, nervousness, dizziness, tinnitus, blurred vision, nausea, vomiting, muscle twitching, tremors and convulsions.

What to do when you have taken more than the recommended dosage?

Immediately telephone your doctor or pharmacist for advice or go to the Accident and Emergency at the nearest hospital if there are signs of discomfort or poisoning. Excessive consumption of Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free) which contain isomalt may have a laxative effect.

Care that should be taken when taking this medicine?

Due to the anaesthetic effect, do not ingest hot food or drink directly after using the lozenges. Excess consumption of products containing isomalt may have a laxative effect

When should you consult your doctor?

- If you have liver problems or/and kidney problems.
- If you are currently on other medications that may increase the toxicity of lignocaine.
- If symptoms persisted beyond 7 days or are accompanied by a high fever or headache.

The safety of Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free) has not been established in pregnant patients. Seek your doctor's advice if you are pregnant or likely to be pregnant during your course of medication.

Use during breastfeeding

Use of Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free) during lactation has not been established in humans. Seek your doctor's advice if you are breastfeeding or likely to breastfeed during your course of medication.

Use in children

Because of the lack of sufficient clinical experience, Difflam® Plus Anaesthetic Sore Throat Lozenges (Sugar Free) is not recommended in children under 6 years of age.

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