

DIFFLAM®-C SOLUTION

Description

Difflam®-C Solution is a pleasant-tasting, clear, pink solution. Each 15mL contains benzydamine hydrochloride 22.5mg and chlorhexidine gluconate 18mg.

What is this medicine used for?

Benzydamine in Difflam®-C Solution helps to relieve painful conditions of the mouth and throat including sore throat, pharyngitis, tonsilitis, mouth ulcers, swelling, redness and inflammatory conditions, pain following mouth or throat surgery and pain following dental procedures. Chlorhexidine in Difflam®-C Solution helps to reduce the development of plaque and gingivitis during the period of treatment when the usual oral hygiene measures are interrupted. Difflam®-C is not intended for prolonged use except under dental or medical supervision.

How to use this medicine?

Difflam®-C Solution should generally be used undiluted, but if stinging occurs it may be diluted with water. The solution should be expelled from the mouth after use. Uninterrupted treatment should not exceed seven days.

Adults

When used as a gargle, 15mL should be gargled for at least 30 seconds at 1½ to 3 hourly intervals, as needed. When used as a rinse for oral lesions, 15mL should be held in the mouth and swished around for at least 30 seconds. Repeat usage every 1½ to 3 hours throughout the day. If used as an alternative to usual oral hygiene procedures, Difflam®-C Solution should be swished around in the mouth for at least a minute. Difflam®-C Solution is best used after brushing the teeth to minimise chlorhexidine-induced discolouration. Difflam®-C Solution is not intended for prolonged use except under dental or medical supervision.

Children

5-15mL as a gargle if able to do so, or as an oral rinse. Difflam®-C Solution is not recommended for children under 6 years of age.

Do not use this medicine if

You are allergic to benzydamine or to any of the components of the product. Chlorhexidine may cause a severe allergic reaction. Symptoms of allergic reaction may include wheezing/difficulty breathing, facial swelling, hives, rash. If any allergic reaction occurs, stop use and seek medical help immediately.

Precautions

Difflam®-C Solution is indicated for use as a rinse or gargle. It should not be swallowed but rather, expectorated after each use. Difflam®-C Solution should generally be used undiluted but if burning or stinging occurs, it may be diluted with water. Please seek your doctor’s advice if you have liver or kidney problems, are pregnant or breastfeeding and if your sore throat is either caused or complicated by a bacterial infection. Uninterrupted treatment should not exceed 7 days unless under medical supervision. If symptoms persist, seek medical advice.

Drug Interactions

There are no known drug interactions with benzydamine.

Side effects

Difflam®-C Solution is generally well tolerated and side effects are minor. The most commonly reported reactions are oral numbness, occasional burning or stinging sensations, dryness or thirst, tingling, warm feeling in the mouth and altered taste. A common side effect associated with chlorhexidine gluconate oral rinses is staining of the teeth. Chlorhexidine tooth staining is harmless and can be minimised by thorough teeth brushing before administration. **Systemic Adverse Reactions:** These were very uncommon and not known to be of serious nature. They consisted mainly of nausea, vomiting, retching, gastrointestinal disorders (0.4%), dizziness (0.1%), headache and drowsiness (0.1%). Hypersensitivity reactions occur very rarely but may be associated with pruritis, rash, urticaria, photodermatitis and occasionally laryngospasm or bronchospasm. The most common side effects associated with chlorhexidine gluconate oral rinses are an increase in staining of teeth and other oral surfaces, an increase in calculus formation and an alteration in taste perception. Chlorhexidine tooth staining is harmless and can be minimised by thorough brushing of teeth before administration. No serious systemic adverse reactions associated with its use have been reported from clinical studies.

What should you do if you miss a dose?

Do not use a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed. If you are not sure what to do, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Signs and symptoms of overdose

CNS effects have been reported following overdosage. There is no specific antidote for benzydamine and should excessive quantities be ingested the treatment should be symptomatic.

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

Please seek medical advice if you have used more than the recommended amount of Difflam®-C Solution.

Presentation

100mL, 200mL

Storage Conditions

Protect from light. Store below 30°C

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