

ENSAMYCIN* Cream

For Dermatologic use only

NOT FOR OPHTHALMIC USE

DESCRIPTION : Each gram of ENSAMYCIN Cream 0.1% contains sisomicin sulphate equivalent to 1.0 mg of sisomicin base in a greaseless, odourless, non-staining, washable base.

ACTIONS : ENSAMYCIN is a wide-spectrum, rapid-acting, bactericidal antibiotic that provides highly effective topical treatment in primary and secondary bacterial infections of the skin. ENSAMYCIN may clear infections that have not responded to other topical antibiotic agents. In impetigo contagiosa and other primary skin infection, ENSAMYCIN usually clears the lesions promptly. In secondary skin infections ENSAMYCIN facilitates the treatment of the underlying dermatosis by controlling the infection. Bacteria susceptible to the action of ENSAMYCIN include sensitive strains of Streptococci (group A beta-haemolytic, alpha-haemolytic). Staphylococcus aureus (including penicillin - and methicillin-resistant strains) and the Gram-negative bacteria. Pseudomonas aeruginosa. Aerobacter aerogenes, Escherichia coli, Proteus vulgaris, Proteus mirabilis, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Citrobacter species and Serratia marcescens.

INDICATIONS : **Primary skin infections :** Impetigo contagiosa, superficial folliculitis, ecthyma, furunculosis, sycosis barbae and pyoderma gangrenosum. **Secondary skin infections :** Infectious eczematoid dermatitis, pustular acne, pustular psoriasis, infected seborrhoeic dermatitis, infected contact dermatitis (including poison ivy) infected excoriations and bacterial superinfections of fungal or viral infections. Note: ENSAMYCIN is a bactericidal agent that is not effective against viruses or fungi in skin infections.

ENSAMYCIN is useful in the treatment of infected skin cysts and certain other skin abscesses when preceded by incision and drainage to permit adequate contact between the antibiotic and the infecting bacteria. Good results have been obtained in the treatment of infected stasis and other skin ulcers, infected superficial burns, paronychia, infected insect bites and stings, infected lacerations and abrasions and wounds from minor surgery. Patients sensitive to neomycin can be treated with sisomicin, although regular observation of patients sensitive to topical antibiotics is advisable when such patients are treated with any topical antibiotic.

CONTRAINDICATIONS : This drug is contraindicated in individuals with a history of sensitivity reactions to any of its components.

PRECAUTIONS : Use of topical antibiotics occasionally allows overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms, including fungi. If this occurs, or if irritation, sensitization or superinfection develops, treatment should be discontinued and appropriate therapy instituted.

ADVERSE REACTIONS : In patients with dermatoses treated with sisomicin, irritation (erythema and pruritus) may occur in a small percentage of cases: this usually does not require discontinuation of treatment.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION : A small amount of ENSAMYCIN Cream should be applied gently to the lesions twice daily. More frequent applications may be recommended depending upon severity. The area treated may be covered with a gauze dressing, if desired. In impetigo contagiosa, the crusts should be removed before application of ENSAMYCIN to permit maximum contact between the antibiotic and the infected skin. Care should be exercised to avoid further contamination of the infected area.

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