

PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

Anethaine Cream

Tetracaine hydrochloride 1% w/w



Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.

This medicine is available without prescription. However, you still need to use

Anethaine Cream carefully to get the best results from it.

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

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

- **You must contact a doctor if your symptoms worsen or do not improve.**

- **If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.**

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1. WHAT ANETHAINE CREAM IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

Anethaine Cream is a smooth white cream for application to the skin. Anethaine Cream contains tetracaine hydrochloride which is a local anaesthetic and gives prompt temporary relief from itching and stinging in insect bites, stings and nettle rash.

2. BEFORE YOU USE ANETHAINE CREAM

Do not use Anethaine Cream

- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to tetracaine hydrochloride or any of the other ingredients in Anethaine Cream (see section 6).
- on infants under three years of age.
- on broken skin.
- near or on the eyes.

Take special care with Anethaine Cream

- Anethaine Cream is for **external** use only.
- If irritation and inflammation persist, stop using Anethaine Cream and seek medical advice.
- Anethaine Cream is not for prolonged use.

Using other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Anethaine Cream can be used during pregnancy and breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

Important information about some of the ingredients of Anethaine Cream

Anethaine Cream contains cetostearyl alcohol which may cause local skin reactions and bergamot oil which may increase sensitivity to UV light (natural and artificial sunlight).

3. HOW TO USE ANETHAINE CREAM

Always use Anethaine Cream exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Smooth Anethaine Cream onto the affected area of skin. Repeat as required, two or three times daily. Wash hands after application.

If you forget to use Anethaine Cream

If you forget to apply Anethaine Cream, do so as soon as you remember and then go on as before.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Anethaine Cream has not been reported as having any undesirable side effects. However, if you notice any reaction, stop using the cream and tell your doctor or pharmacist who will advise you of the necessary action to take.

5. HOW TO STORE ANETHAINE CREAM

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not store above 25°C.

Do not use Anethaine Cream after the expiry date that is stated on the tube crimp and on the carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of the month.

Medicines should not be disposed of via household waste. Take any remaining cream back to your pharmacist for safe disposal. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

What Anethaine Cream contains

- The active substance is tetracaine hydrochloride, 1% w/w.
- The other ingredients are macrogol cetostearyl ether, cetostearyl alcohol, diethylene glycol monostearate, liquid paraffin, glycerol, bergamot oil and purified water.

What Anethaine Cream looks like and contents of the pack

Anethaine Cream is a smooth white cream which comes in aluminium tubes containing 25g.

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