

Palmetto State Pharmaceuticals

Patient Drug Education

ANTIPYR/BENZOCAINE EAR DROP

USES:

This medication is used to relieve pain, congestion, and swelling caused by middle ear inflammation (acute otitis media). This medication is also used to help remove earwax. This product contains 2 main medications. Benzocaine is a topical anesthetic that helps to numb the pain. Antipyrine is an analgesic that helps to decrease the pain and inflammation. This product also contains glycerin, which helps to soften the earwax.

HOW TO TAKE THIS MEDICATION:

HOW TO USE: Use this medication exactly as directed by your doctor. An antibiotic medication may sometimes be prescribed along with this medication if you also have an infection. To make sure that the right amount of medication is given, and to avoid touching the ear with the dropper, have another person insert the drops if possible. To lower the risk of dizziness, hold the container in your hand for a few minutes to warm it. To apply ear drops, wash your hands first. To avoid contamination, do not touch the dropper tip or let it touch your ear or any other surface. Lie on your side or tilt the affected ear upward. Hold the dropper directly over the ear, and place the prescribed number of drops into the ear canal. To help the drops roll into the ear of an adult, hold the earlobe up and back. In children, hold the earlobe down and back. Keep the head tilted for about 2 minutes, or insert a soft cotton plug if so directed. You may be instructed by your doctor to moisten the cotton plug with this medication. Repeat for the other ear if so directed. Do not rinse the dropper. Replace the cap after use. If you are using this medication to help remove earwax, gently rinsing the ear with warm water or using a soft rubber bulb after 2 to 3 days of treatment may help remove any remaining earwax. Consult your doctor or pharmacist about the safe use of an ear bulb. Do not use in the eye. Do not use this medication if it is brown or contains particles. Inform your doctor if your condition persists after a few days of treatment or if it worsens.

SIDE EFFECTS:

Remember that your doctor has prescribed this medication because he or she has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication do not have serious side effects. Tell your doctor immediately if any of these unlikely but serious side effects occur: burning/stinging/redness/new pain in or around the ears. Tell your doctor immediately if any of these rare but very serious side effects occur: bluish skin, severe tiredness/weakness. A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, seek immediate medical attention if you notice any of the following symptoms of a serious allergic reaction: rash, itching, swelling, severe dizziness, trouble breathing. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

PRECAUTIONS:

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to antipyrine, benzocaine, or glycerin; or to other ester-type anesthetics (e.g., procaine, tetracaine); or if you have any other allergies. This medication should not be used if you have certain medical conditions. Before using this medicine, consult your doctor or pharmacist if you have: hole in the eardrum (perforated tympanic membrane). Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: ear injuries/surgery. During pregnancy, this medication should be used only when clearly needed. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor. It is not known if this medication passes into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

DRUG INTERACTIONS:

Your doctor or pharmacist may already be aware of any possible drug interactions and may be monitoring you for them. Do not start, stop, or change the dosage of any medicine before checking with them first. Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist of all prescription and nonprescription/herbal products you may use, especially of: other ear medications.

NOTES:

Do not share this medication with others. This medication has been prescribed for your current condition only. Do not use it later for another ear problem unless told to do so by your doctor. A different medication may be necessary in that case.

MISSED DOSE:

If you miss a dose, use it as soon as you remember. If it is near the time of the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not double the dose to catch up.

STORAGE:

Store at room temperature between 59-86 degrees F (15-30 degrees C) away from light and heat. Keep bottle tightly closed. Keep all medicines away from children and pets.