Patient Information Sheet – Gentamicin Nasal Spray

This medicine was compounded specifically for you in a pharmacy to fill the prescription your doctor wrote for you. It was specially made to meet your individual needs. For this reason, no standardized information or literature is available with your prescription. If you have not done so, please discuss this medicine with your doctor to ensure that you understand (1) why you have been prescribed a compounded medicine, (2) how to properly take this medicine, and (3) the interactions, if any, this medicine may have with any other medicines you are taking.

Compounding is a long-standing pharmacy practice that allows doctors to treat their patients' individual needs without being restricted only to off-the-shelf medicines or devices. This medicine was prepared in a compounding pharmacy to meet the specifications ordered by your doctor.

Call your doctor if you experience any side effects, you are taking additional medicines that may interact with this compounded medicine, or if you have allergies or other medical conditions that should be noted. Call our pharmacists if information on the label is not clear to you or you have any concerns regarding precautions, ingredients, or proper storage. Our pharmacists are available to address any additional questions or concerns.

Medication: This compounded prescription contains gentamicin, an antibiotic.

Use: This medication is used to treat infection in the nasal passages.

Side Effects: Often, topical medications provide more localized effects, reducing systemic side effects by circumventing vital organs. Possible local side effects include a runny nose, nasal irritation, headache, or changes in your sense of smell. If some of the fluid drips into the back of the throat, spit it out. Ingestion of the medication may cause stomach upset or vomiting, especially on an empty stomach. You may also experience a sense of gagging or an unpleasant taste. Contact your doctor as soon as possible if you experience repeated nosebleeds, flu-like symptoms, or unusual vision changes. An allergic reaction to this medication is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if you experience a rash, itching, swelling, dizziness, or trouble breathing.

Administration: This medication is routinely dosed as 2-3 sprays into each nostril twice daily for up to 3 weeks.

Storage, Beyond Use Dating and Disposal: Gentamicin nasal spray should be stored in the refrigerator (36˚-46˚F). The "Beyond Use Date" is the expiration date for compounded medicines. This compound is generally good for 30 days after the dispensing date, however, it is always best to refer to your medication's label for specific storage requirements and beyond use dating. Search "How to Dispose of Unused Medicines" at www.fda.gov for info on medication destruction.

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