Patient Information Sheet - Hydroquinone/Kojic Acid

This medicine was compounded specifically for you in a pharmacy in order to fill the prescription your doctor wrote for you. It was specifically 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 a compounded medication has been prescribed, (2) how to properly take this medication, 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, if 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 medication contains hydroquinone (skin-lightening agent) and kojic acid (a synergistic skin-lightening agent).

Use: These ingredients are generally used to treat hyperpigmentation of the skin. It may also be used for other conditions as determined by your prescriber.

Side Effects: Topical use often provides more localized effects of these agents. Side effects are reduced when bypassing vital organs. For the first 2 to 3 weeks of treatment, your skin condition may appear to worsen. Stinging, peeling or a feeling of facial warmth are also possible.

Precautions: Limit exposure to sunlight and use sunscreen during treatment. Avoid contact with the eyes and mucous membranes and do not apply to broken skin.

Dosage and Administration: This medication is typically dispensed in a pump for topical application. Completely wash and dry application area prior to use. Apply a thin layer of cream to affected areas once daily, preferably at bedtime. Gently rub the medicine until it is evenly distributed. For best results, do not use other moisturizers or cleansers on the medicated area for at least 20 minutes.

Storage, Beyond Use Dating and Disposal: The Beyond Use Date is a scientifically derived "expiration" date for each unique formulation, and storage depends on the stability of each individual formulation. Controlled room temperature storage is 68-77℉, and storage under refrigeration is 36-46℉. Please refer to your medication label and auxiliary labels for specific storage requirements and beyond use dating. For information on medication destruction, please visit www.fda.gov and search how to dispose of unused medicines.

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