Patient Information Sheet - Lovastatin/Cholesterol Topical

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 compounded prescription contains the medications lovastatin and cholesterol. Cholesterol plays an essential role in providing and maintaining skin barrier function. Lovastatin inhibits an enzyme responsible for mevalonate synthesis (which is responsible for production of cholesterol and other lipids) and has anti-inflammatory effects. The combination is believed to prevent toxic metabolites from accumulating on the skin while also replenishing essential end products.

Use: The combination of lovastatin and cholesterol is often prescribed to treat different types of keratosis, or common skin growths. It may also be prescribed for other indications as determined by your practitioner.

Side Effects: Often, topical medications provide more localized effects, reducing systemic side effects by circumventing vital organs. Possible temporary local side effects may include burning, itching, irritation, or dryness.

Precautions: An allergic reaction to this medication is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if you experience a rash, itching, swelling, dizziness, or trouble breathing.

Dosage and Administration: This medication is typically dispensed in a tube and applied twice daily to the treatment area.

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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