

Consumer Medicine Information

What you should know about your nose

Mucus is naturally produced in the nose and its role is to trap foreign particles (dust, viruses and bacteria) and keep them from getting into the lungs. Mucus is transported from the front of the nose and from within the sinuses by tiny microscopic hairs called "cilia" which sweep the mucus to the back of the throat from where it is swallowed.

The acid environment in the stomach then helps to kill unwanted bacteria and viruses. This is an important function of the body's immune system and it helps to maintain good health.

What happens when the mucus layer becomes dry?

When mucus dries out it becomes thicker and the cilia hairs cannot function as well as they should. This may cause a feeling of nasal discomfort.

Travelling in low humidity and cool environments

Spending prolonged periods of time in low humidity and cool environments (such as aircraft cabins, buses, trains and hotels with air conditioning) has been shown to dry nasal mucus and slow the normal movement of mucus. This may lead to an increased susceptibility to infections and travellers getting colds more easily than they would otherwise do.

What is FLO Travel Nasal Spray?

FLO Travel Nasal Spray is a sterile, preservative free saline spray containing Carrageenan 1.6mg /mL (1.2mg/mL iota-Carrageenan and 0.4mg/mL kappa-Carrageenan). It is a clear, colourless and odourless solution.

Carrageenan is an extract derived from marine red algae. Carrageenan binds effectively to mucus and strongly attracts water. This helps keep the nasal tissues moist to prevent and relieve symptoms of nasal discomfort that can be experienced on long distance flights, and importantly also helps nasal tissue to function normally to keep you healthy.

In the event of contracting a cold, Carrageenan has been shown to help reduce the length of time cold symptoms are experienced. This can be an added advantage when travelling.

How to use FLO Travel Nasal Spray

This dispenser should be used by only one person. Sharing it may spread infection.

1. Before using this product, remove the protective cap and prime the pump by depressing the round flange several times until the first spray is seen.
2. Place the nozzle carefully into one nostril with the tip pointing towards the top of the ear on the same side of the head (the tip should be pointing backwards and slightly angled away from the midline of the nose).

3. Depress the pump to insert the required dose into the nostril while gently breathing in through the nose as you spray.
4. Repeat for the other nostril.
5. Wipe the nozzle with a clean tissue and replace protective cap after use.
6. Store this product out of the sight and reach of children.

Dosage

Dose to be applied to each nostril:

- Adults and children over 2 years: one spray three times daily.

This product may be used:

- a) before, during and after travel.
- b) more frequently if required to relieve nasal dryness.

Always drink adequate fluids and remember to take part in recommended exercise programmes on long journeys.

Pregnancy and Breast Feeding

FLO Travel is non-medicated and can be used during pregnancy and whilst breast feeding.

How long can FLO Travel be used?

FLO Travel nasal spray may be used for as long as necessary.

If nasal symptoms persist see your healthcare practitioner.

When not to use FLO Travel Nasal Spray

You should not use FLO Travel if you have any sensitivity to sodium chloride or Carrageenan. If you experience any unexpected effects when using this product, stop using it and see your healthcare practitioner.

When does FLO Travel expire?

FLO Travel has an expiry date which can be found on the carton and also on the bottle label. Do not use the product after this expiry date.

Due to its special filter system, the solution remains sterile even after repeated use.

Discard 12 months after date of first use.

Can FLO Travel be used with other medication?

FLO Travel is a non-medicated product. If you have any concerns about using FLO Travel with your current medications, please consult your healthcare practitioner.

Packaging and Storage

FLO Travel Nasal Spray is packaged in a dark brown glass bottle containing 20mL of solution. Each spray delivers 0.14mL of solution.

The outer carton is sealed with tabs on the top and bottom flaps. You should not use this product if any of these tabs have been removed or damaged at the time of purchase.

Store the product in its carton to protect it from light.

Store the product below 30°C. Do not refrigerate.

Keep out of reach of children.

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