Dexamethasone Medsurge

Active ingredient(s): dexamethasone sodium phosphate

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using Dexamethasone Medsurge. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Dexamethasone Medsurge.**

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1. Why am I using Dexamethasone Medsurge?

Dexamethasone Medsurge contains the active ingredient dexamethasone sodium phosphate. Dexamethasone (as sodium phosphate) is a glucocorticoid and belongs to a group of medicines called corticosteroids. It may be used to treat an inactive or underactive adrenal gland or to treat a number of different diseases such as certain immune disorders and skin problems, asthma or arthritis. Corticosteroids reduce inflammation, one of the body's reactions to injury. Except for its use in the treatment of underactive adrenal glands, dexamethasone (as sodium phosphate) does not cure disease; it treats the symptoms.

2. What should I know before I use Dexamethasone?

Do not use Dexamethasone if:

- you are allergic to dexamethasone sodium phosphate, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- you have an internal fungal infection.
- you have recently been given a live vaccine such as smallpox or polio/sabin, unless you are being given the dexamethasone (as sodium phosphate) for replacement therapy.

Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:

- shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
- rash, itching or hives on the skin.