Daktacort

Daktacort ointment
When used in inflammatory skin conditions where infection is also present

Daktacort (Dak-ta-cort) is a medicine which is used in inflammatory skin conditions where infection is also present. Daktacort contains hydrocortisone/miconazole nitrate. It is supplied by Janssen-Cilag Ltd.

Your medicine

Daktacort contains two different medicines - miconazole nitrate and hydrocortisone. Daktacort is used to treat skin problems caused by inflammation where infection is also present. This includes eczema and dermatitis of the skin. Miconazole nitrate helps to treat certain types of skin infections. Hydrocortisone reduces inflammation and can help to relieve the symptoms of inflammatory skin problems.

Other information about Daktacort:

• this medicine should be used for seven days or until the symptoms have disappeared
• if you are applying Daktacort to a child or an infant, and you are covering the affected area with a nappy or a dressing that tightly covers or seals the area, you must only use a thin layer of Daktacort

If you are having problems taking this form of Daktacort, you should talk to your prescriber or pharmacist. They may be able to give you advice on other ways to take your medicine or other preparations that are easier for you to take.

Taking too much of your medicine

Taking extra doses of some medicines can be harmful. In some cases even one extra dose can cause you problems. If you take extra doses of your medicine, you must get medical advice immediately. This is because the effects of taking too much medicine are very complex so it is very important that you seek medical advice.

Make sure you take all of your medicine containers with you if you are advised to go to hospital.

Stopping your medicine

If you are not taking any complementary preparations or vitamins, this is necessary to alter your dose or monitor you more closely.

Tell your prescriber the names of all the medicines that you are taking so that they can consider all possible interactions. This includes all the medicines which have been prescribed by your GP, hospital doctor, dentist, nurse, health visitor, midwife or pharmacist. You must also tell your prescriber about medicines which you have bought over the counter without prescriptions.

The following medicines may interact with Daktacort:

• warfarin

The following types of medicine may interact with Daktacort:

• cytochrome P450 enzyme inhibitors
• oral anticoagulants

If you are taking Daktacort and one of the above medicines or types of medicines, make sure your prescriber knows about it.

Complementary preparations and vitamins

Medicines can interact with complementary preparations and vitamins. In general, there is not much information available about interactions between medicines and complementary preparations or vitamins.

If you are planning to take or are already taking any complementary preparations and vitamins you should ask your prescriber whether there are any known interactions with Daktacort.

Your prescriber can advise whether it is appropriate for you to take combinations that are known to interact. They can also discuss with you the possible effect that the complementary preparations and vitamins may have on your condition.

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If you experience any unusual effects while taking this medicine in combination with complementary preparations and vitamins, you should tell your prescriber.

**Driving and operating machinery**
When taking any medicine you should be aware that it might interfere with your ability to drive or operate machinery safely.

Like all medicines Daktacort can cause side effects. You should see how this medicine affects you and then judge if you are safe to drive or operate machinery. If you are in any doubt, talk to your prescriber.

**Diet**
Medicines can interact with certain foods. In some cases, this may be harmful and your prescriber may advise you to avoid certain foods.

*In the case of Daktacort:*  
• there are no specific foods that you must exclude from your diet when using Daktacort

**Alcohol**
Alcohol can interact with certain medicines.

*In the case of Daktacort:*  
• there are no known interactions between alcohol and Daktacort

**Family planning and pregnancy**
Most medicines, in some way, can affect the development of a baby in the womb. The effect on the baby differs between medicines and also depends on the stage of pregnancy that you have reached when you take the medicine.

*In the case of Daktacort:*  
• you should only use this medicine during pregnancy if your doctor thinks that you need it

You need to discuss your specific circumstances with your doctor to weigh up the overall risks and benefits of taking this medicine. You and your doctor can make a decision about whether you are going to take this medicine during pregnancy.

If the decision is that you should not have Daktacort, then you should discuss whether there is an alternative medicine that you could take during pregnancy.

**Breast-feeding**
Certain medicines can pass into breast milk and may reach your baby through breast-feeding.

Before you have your baby you should discuss breast-feeding with your doctor or midwife. They will help you decide what is best for you and your baby based on the benefits and risks associated with this medicine. You should only breast-feed your baby while taking this medicine on the advice of your doctor or midwife.

**Ingredients of your medicine**
Medicines contain active ingredients. They may also contain other, additional ingredients that help ensure the stability, safety and effectiveness of the medicine. They are also added to improve the medicine’s appearance and to make it easier to use. Some may be used to prolong the life of the medicine.

You should check that you are able to take the ingredients in your medicine, especially if you have any allergies.

*Daktacort contains:*  
• hydrocortisone and miconazole nitrate  
• polyethylene 5.5% liquid paraffin gel

If you are not able to take any of the ingredients in your medicine, talk to your prescriber or pharmacist to see if they can suggest an alternative medicine. If you have reacted badly to Daktacort before, do not use Daktacort. Talk to your prescriber, pharmacist or nurse as soon as possible.

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