

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET - Instructions for use

BETADINE® Vaginal Gel

(With applicator)

Active substance: Povidone-iodine (PVP-iodine) 10% w/w

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Please read this leaflet carefully, it contains important information.

For further information, consult your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet in a safe place - you may want read it again.

1- What is BETADINE® Vaginal Gel and what is that used for?

What does BETADINE® Vaginal Gel contain?

- Active substance: Povidone-iodine (PVP-iodine) 10% w/w
- Inactive ingredients: Macrogol 400, Macrogol 4000, Sodium Bicarbonate and Purified Water.

What is BETADINE® Vaginal Gel used for?

BETADINE® Vaginal Gel is indicated for:

- a) Disinfection of the vagina before and after operations.
- b) In acute and chronic vaginal infections (vaginitis, vulvo-vaginitis):
 - Mixed infections and unspecific infections (bacterial vaginosis; *Gardnerella* vag.)
 - Fungal infections (*Candida albicans*).
 - Trichomonal infections.
- c) After antibiotic or steroid therapy in case of complications.

2- Packing sizes:

BETADINE® Vaginal Gel is supplied in lacquered aluminium tubes, the tubes are enclosed in printed cartons.

BETADINE® Vaginal Gel is available in pack of 100 g.

3- Before using BETADINE® Vaginal Gel:

Contraindications:

- Manifest hyperthyroidism, dermatitis herpetiformis Duhring (very rare): before radio-ioding therapy.
- In case of known hypersensitivity to iodine and thyroid diseases, BETADINE® Vaginal Pessaries should only be used if strictly indicated, in patients with bland nodular colloid goitre or following thyroid diseases (especially elderly patients). BETADINE® Vaginal may be used for prolonged periods only on express instructions of the doctor. In newborns and infants BETADINE® Vaginal is to be used only If strictly indicated; in these cases it is necessary to check the thyroid function.
- BETADINE® Vaginal is not to be used during pregnancy and lactation.
- The product is spermicidal and should not be used when conception is desired.

Interactions with other drugs and other forms of interactions:

- With the concomitant use of PVP-iodine and enzymatic healing ointments, the enzyme components are oxidised by the iodine and causes a weakening of the effects of both substances.
- PVP-iodine must not be used together with disinfectant containing mercury or silver (danger of acid burns due to the formation of mercury ioding; weakening of the effect due to the formation of silver iodine).

Pregnancy and breastfeeding:

- Not to be used if pregnant or breastfeeding.

4- How to use BETADINE® Vaginal Gel?

Unless otherwise prescribed, one applicator-full of the vaginal gel (about 5 g) is introduced deep into the vagina.

BETADINE® Vaginal Gel may also spread thinly 1-2cm around the external genital area two or three times a day. The treatment has to be carried out daily (even during menstruation). The dose of BETADINE® Vaginal Gel may be increased, if prescribed by the doctor. The duration of the treatment depends on the medical findings. A sanitary towel should be worn during the period of treatment.

For preoperative vaginal disinfection, as also in the treatment of vaginitis, the gel is applied in the evening and left in the vagina overnight. The following morning before the operation, the vagina can be rinsed with BETADINE® Antiseptic Solution.

Instructions of use:

Insert one applicator-full of the vaginal gel (about 5 g) every night for up to 14 days. If menstruation occurs during the treatment, it is important to continue treatment during these days.

Remove cap from tube and screw into threaded open end of applicator.



5- Side effects

BETADINE® Vaginal Gel is generally well tolerated, even after a long period of use. In patient who are sensitive to iodine, the treatment with BETADINE® Vaginal Gel can very rarely lead to hypersensitive skin

reactions such iododerma ullbousum or tuberosum, dermitis exfoliativa, angioneurotic oedema and acne. Generally these typical signs of iodism occur very rarely with preparations containing PVP-iodine and disappear very rapidly after withdrawal of the treatment. In very rare, exceptional cases hypersensitivity to the inactive ingredient, macrogol, can occur; the gel must not be used in such cases.

6- Storage Precautions:

- Store at or below 25°C.
- Do not use after the expiry date (see date printed on the packing)
- Keep out of the reach of children.

7- Further information:

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