Acetic Acid; Hydrocortisone Ear Solution
MEDICATION GUIDE

NOTE: This sheet is a summary. It may not cover all possible information. If you have questions about this medicine talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or health care provider.

What is this medicine?
ACETIC ACID; HYDROCORTISONE (a SEE tik AS id; hye droe KOR ti sone) is used to treat outer ear infections.

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have questions.

How should I use this medicine?
This medicine is only for use in your ears. Follow the directions on the prescription label. Wash your hands with soap and water. First, carefully clean your ear[s] with a dry cotton swab. Gently warm the bottle by holding it in the hand for 1 to 2 minutes. Use the ear solution as directed by your doctor or health care professional. Lie down on your side with the affected ear up. Try not to touch the tip of the dropper to your ear, fingertips, or other surface. Squeeze the bottle gently to put the prescribed number of drops in the ear canal. Stay in this position for 30 to 60 seconds to help the drops soak into the ear. Repeat, if necessary, for the opposite ear. Do not use your medicine more often than directed. Finish the full course of medicine prescribed by your health care professional even if you think your condition is better.

Talk to your pediatrician regarding the use of this medicine in children. While this drug may be prescribed for children as young as 3 years of age and older for selected conditions, precautions do apply.

Overdosage: If you think you have taken too much of this medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at once.

NOTE: This medicine is only for you. Do not share this medicine with others.

What if I miss a dose?
If you miss a dose, use it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, use only that dose. Do not use double or extra doses.

What should I tell my health care provider before I take this medicine?
They need to know if you have any of these conditions:
• Herpes infection
• Ruptured ear drum
• Vaccinia (the skin blister that occurs after a smallpox vaccine)
• An unusual or allergic reaction to acetic acid, hydrocortisone, propylene glycol, other medicines, foods, dyes, or preservatives
• Pregnant or trying to get pregnant
• Breast-feeding

What may interact with this medicine?
Interactions are not expected. Do not use other ear products without talking to your doctor or health care professional.

This list may not describe all possible interactions. Give your health care provider a list of all the medicines, herbs, non-prescription drugs, or dietary supplements you use. Also tell them if you smoke, drink alcohol, or use illegal drugs. Some items may interact with your medicine.

What side effects may I notice from receiving this medicine?
Side effects that you should report to your doctor or health care professional as soon as possible:
• Allergic reactions like skin rash, itching or hives, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue
• Burning and redness
• Worsening ear pain

Side effects that usually do not require medical attention (report to your doctor or health care professional if they continue or are bothersome):
• Unpleasant feeling while putting the drops in the ear

This list may not describe all possible side effects. Call your
doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report
side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

What should I watch for while using this medicine?
Tell your doctor or health care professional if your ear infection
does not get better in a few days. If a rash or allergic reaction
occurs, stop using this product right away and contact your
doctor or health care professional.
It is important that you keep the infected ear(s) clean and dry.
When bathing, try not to get the infected ear(s) wet. Do not go
swimming unless your doctor or health care professional has
told you otherwise.
To prevent the spread of infection, do not share ear products or
share towels and washcloths with anyone else.

Where should I keep my medicine?
Keep out of the reach of children.
Store at room temperature between 15 and 30 degrees C [59
and 86 degrees F]. Do not freeze. Protect from light. Throw
away any unused medicine after the expiration date.

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