

Kenalog in Orabase[®]

Triamcinolone acetonide

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

Read this leaflet carefully before using Kenalog in Orabase.

This leaflet answers some common questions about Kenalog in Orabase. It does not contain all the available information. Some of the information in this leaflet may not apply to you. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor, dentist or pharmacist.

Do not throw this leaflet away. You may need to read it again later.

Always follow the instructions that your doctor, dentist or pharmacist gives you about Kenalog in Orabase.

If you have any concerns about using Kenalog in Orabase, ask your doctor, dentist or pharmacist.

What Kenalog in Orabase is used for

Kenalog in Orabase is the trade name (manufacturer's name) for a paste that contains the medicine triamcinolone acetonide.

Triamcinolone acetonide belongs to a class of drugs known as corticosteroids. Corticosteroids, including triamcinolone acetonide, are used to relieve itching, burning, inflammation and allergies.

Kenalog in Orabase is used for relieving tenderness, pain, inflammation and ulceration of the inside of the mouth or the gums. This can include sores caused by injury or by dentures (false teeth) rubbing on the gums. Kenalog in Orabase is a sticky paste which keeps the medicine on the sore area, and protects it while the medicine relieves the soreness, reduces the swelling and accelerates the healing process.

Kenalog in Orabase is not addictive or habit forming. It may be prescribed by your doctor or bought at a pharmacy when recommended by your dentist or pharmacist.

Before you use Kenalog in Orabase

When you must not use Kenalog in Orabase

- Do not use Kenalog in Orabase if you have an allergy to triamcinolone acetonide or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Symptoms of an allergic reaction to triamcinolone acetonide 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

- You should not use Kenalog in Orabase if you are pregnant or may become pregnant, unless you have discussed this with a doctor first. Your doctor will advise you if you should use Kenalog in Orabase.
- You should not use Kenalog in Orabase if you have an infection in your mouth, or if you have tuberculosis, stomach ulcers or diabetes.
- If you think that the packaging for Kenalog in Orabase is faulty or has been tampered with, do not use Kenalog in Orabase and show it to your pharmacist.

Before you start to use Kenalog in Orabase

Tell your doctor, dentist or pharmacist if you:

- are pregnant or may become pregnant
- are allergic to any food or drugs
- have any infections in the mouth or throat, especially herpes (cold sores)
- have tuberculosis (TB), stomach ulcers or diabetes

- take any other medications or drugs

Taking other medicines

It is unlikely that other medicines will affect the way Kenalog in Orabase works. Nevertheless, you should always tell your doctor, dentist or pharmacist about other medicines you are taking, even if those medicines have been bought without a prescription.

How to use Kenalog in Orabase

Where to use Kenalog in Orabase

Kenalog in Orabase is only for use in your mouth.

You should not swallow Kenalog in Orabase.

You should not put Kenalog in Orabase in your eyes.

How to use Kenalog in Orabase

You should press a small dab (about the size of a five cent coin) onto the sore area in your mouth until a thin film develops. You may need to use a little more if the sore is large. For the best results, use only enough to coat the sore with a thin film. Do not rub it in. Do not attempt to spread the paste, as it might cause a gritty sensation in the mouth, and cause the paste to crumble. After applying it correctly, a smooth, slippery film should develop.

When to use Kenalog in Orabase

Apply the preparation at bedtime, to allow the medication to work overnight. Sometimes it may be necessary to apply the preparation two or three times a day, preferably after meals.

If you forget to use Kenalog in Orabase

If it is almost time for your next dose of Kenalog in Orabase, skip the dose you missed and use your next dose when you are meant to. Do not use a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed.

How long to use Kenalog in Orabase

Use Kenalog in Orabase until all symptoms have resolved or for as long as your doctor, pharmacist or dentist tells you to.

If you take too much (overdose)

Telephone a doctor or Poisons Information Centre (phone 13 11 26) or go to the accident and emergency centre at your nearest hospital immediately if anyone swallows a large quantity of Kenalog in Orabase.

While you are using Kenalog in Orabase

Things you must do

You must tell your doctor if you become pregnant while you are using Kenalog in Orabase.

You should stop using Kenalog in Orabase if the condition for which you have been using it is getting worse, or if you feel any weakness or dizziness while using it. Speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of these things.

Wipe the neck of the tube and replace the cap tightly after use.

Things you must not do

You should not swallow Kenalog in Orabase.

You should not put Kenalog in Orabase in your eyes.

The expiry date for Kenalog in Orabase is marked on its packaging. Do not use Kenalog in Orabase after this date.

Things to be careful of

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how Kenalog in Orabase affects you.

Side effects

All medications, including Kenalog in Orabase, can sometimes cause unwanted effects. Side effects of Kenalog in

Orabase are extremely rare, and usually only occur where the paste is being applied.

The side effects that may occur are: worsening of sores inside the mouth; new patches of irritation or sensitivity inside the mouth; weakness or dizziness.

If corticosteroids are used for long periods during pregnancy, the mother may develop fluid retention or the baby may be affected. However, these effects occur very rarely and usually with much higher doses of corticosteroids than the triamcinolone acetonide in Kenalog in Orabase.

If you have any of these side effects or any other problem which worries you while you are using Kenalog in Orabase, tell a doctor as soon as possible.

After using Kenalog in Orabase

Storage

Keep Kenalog in Orabase in a cool, dry place where the temperature stays below 25 degrees C.

Do not store Kenalog in Orabase in the bathroom or near a sink. Do not leave it in the car on hot days or on window sills.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Disposal

If your doctor, pharmacist or dentist tells you to stop using Kenalog in Orabase, or if the ointment has passed its expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any that is left over.

Product description

What it looks like

Kenalog in Orabase is an off-white sticky paste.

Ingredients

Active ingredient:

0.1% triamcinolone acetonide

Other ingredients:

"Orabase" which contains gelatin, pectin, carmellose sodium, liquid paraffin and polyethylene resin.

Manufacturer

Kenalog in Orabase is made by

Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals,

a division of

Bristol-Myers Squibb Australia Pty Ltd,
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