COMPOSITION:
Cream and Ointment: Each 1gm contains Hydrocortisone Acetate (EP) 10 mg.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:
Hydrocortisone shares anti-inflammatory, anti-pruritic and vasoconstrictive actions and powerful anti-exudative properties. When applied topically, this glucocorticoid shows a rapidly beginning and prolonged therapeutic action alleviating the symptoms of skin diseases, particularly those of allergic dermatoses.

INDICATIONS:
RIACORT is indicated in case of purulent skin disease and simple impetigo. Allergic skin diseases and their purulent complications refractory to treatment with other similar combinations, urticaria, lichen urticatus, eczema, allergic dermatitis, erythema and infected insect bite reactions.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:
Hypersensitivity to Hydrocortisone, or to iodine. Primary bacterial, viral or fungal infections of the skin, also secondary infections due to yeasts, application to ulcerated areas and using in children below the age of two years. Rosacea (acne rosacea) and perioral dermatitis. Not recommended for acne vulgaris.

WARNING:
In case of extensive skin lesions, the duration of therapy should not exceed 2 to 3 weeks. Patients should be periodically monitored for preventing systemic corticosteroid effects if they are required to apply large doses of the cream or ointment on a large area of skin or under dressing.

In children treatment should be limited, if possible, to a maximum of 5 days

PRECAUTIONS:
Systemic absorption of topical corticosteroids has produced reversible hypothalmic-pitutary-adrenal (HPA) axis suppression, manifestations of Cushing’s syndrome, hyperglycemia and glucosuria in some patients. Conditions of systemic absorption including the application over large surface areas, prolonged use and the addition of occlusive dressing. Children are more susceptible to systemic toxicity, because they may absorb proportionally larger amount of topical corticosteroids.

Avoid prolonged use in infants and children (extreme caution in dermatoses of infancy including nappy rash-where possible treatment should be limited to 5-7 days). Avoid prolonged use on the face. Keep away from the eyes.

ADVERSE REACTIONS:
Hypersensitivity reactions, mainly in subjects with present allergic or allergizing conditions (e.g. eczema or crural ulcer). Steroid acne, purpura, telangiectasia, skin atrophy and striae, burning, itching and irritation of the skin.

USE DURING PREGNANCY AND LACTATION:
Topical corticosteroids should be used during pregnancy and lactation only if the physician decided that the potential benefit justifies the potential risk.

DOSAGE:
In acute inflammatory conditions apply the cream or the ointment 3 times a day to the affected area until improvement has been obtained. After improvement of acute conditions as well as in milder cases, apply twice a day.

STORAGE:
Store at room temperature (15-25)°C.
Do not use the drug after the expiry date printed on the package.

PRESENTATIONS:
Cream: 15g Aluminium tube.
Ointment: 15g Aluminium tube.

For External Use Only