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Alrex contains a C-20 ester corticosteroid that covers many inflammatory mediators of the ocular allergic cascade.* Common signs and symptoms that are associated with inflamed seasonal allergic conjunctivitis include: itching, tearing, burning, redness, foreign-body sensation, and discomfort.[2]
*There is no generally accepted explanation for the mechanism of action of ocular corticosteroids.

INDICATION

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- *Alrex* is contraindicated in most viral diseases of the cornea and conjunctiva including epithelial herpes simplex keratitis (dendritic keratitis), vaccinia, and varicella, and also in mycobacterial infection of the eye and fungal diseases of the ocular structures. *Alrex* is also contraindicated in individuals with known or suspected hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients of this preparation and to other corticosteroids.
- Prolonged use of *Alrex* is associated with several warnings and precautions, including glaucoma with optic nerve damage, defects in visual acuity, cataract formation, secondary ocular infections, exacerbation or prolongation of viral ocular infections (including herpes simplex), delay in wound healing and increase in bleb formation.
- If this product is used for 10 days or longer, intraocular pressure should be monitored. The initial prescription and renewal of the medication order beyond 14 days should be made by a physician only after reexamination of the patient with the aid of magnification. Fungal infections of the cornea may develop with prolonged use of corticosteroids.
- Ocular adverse reactions occurring in 5-15% of patients treated with loteprednol etabonate ophthalmic suspension (0.2% - 0.5%) in clinical studies included abnormal vision/blurring, burning on instillation, chemosis, discharge, dry eyes, epiphora, foreign body sensation, itching, injection, and photophobia.

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