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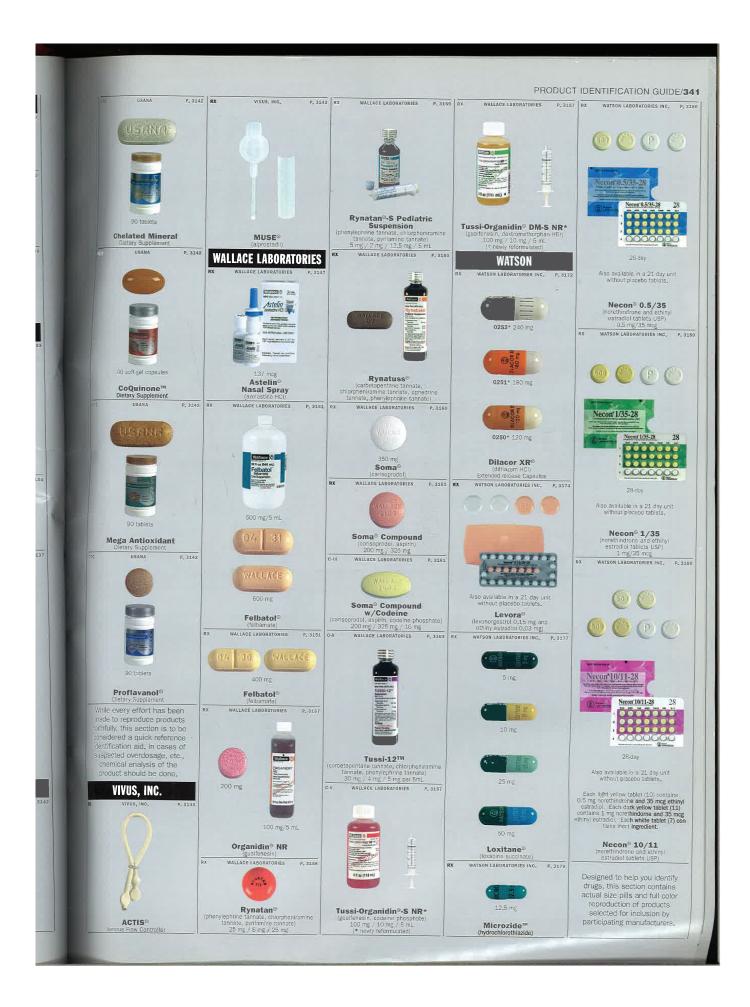


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patible with the inflasion pump being used with respect to minimum and maximum flow rates, reservoir capacity, and the inflason pump criteria listed above, FLOLAN, when administered chronically, should be prepared in a drug delivery reservoir appropriate for the inflasion pump with a total reservoir volume of at least 100 mL. FLOLAN should be prepared using 2 visuals of STERILE DIJLENT for FLOLAN for use during a 24-baur period. Table 5 gives directions for preparing several different concentrations of FLOLAN. [See table 5 below]
More than one solution strength may be required to accommodate the range of inflasions anticipated during acute dose-ranging. Generally, 3000 agmil. and 10,000 agmil as a satisfactory concentrations to deliver between 2 to 16 tagks; per minute in adults. Infusion rates may be calculated using the following formula: Infusion Rate (mL/hr) = [Dose (ng/kg/min) × Weight (kg) × 60 min/hr]

[Dose (ng/kg/min) × Weight (kg) × 60 min/hr] Final Concentration (ng/mL)

Final Concentration (ng/mL)

Tables 6 through 9 provide infusion delivery rates for does up to 16 ng/kg per minute based upon patient weight, drug delivery rate, and concentration of the solution of FLOLAN to be used. These tables may be used to select the most appropriate concentration of FLOLAN that will result in an infusion rate between the minimum and maximum flow rates of the infusion pump and which will allow the desired duration of infusion from a given reservoir volume. Higher infusion rates, and therefore, more concentrated solutions may be necessary with long-term administration of FLOLAN.

Table 6: Infusion Rates for FLOLAN at a Concentration of 3000 ng/mL

Patient Weight		Dose	or Dr	ng Del mi	ivery I	late (n	g/kg p	
(kg)	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
	-	I	nfusion	Deliv	ery Ra	te (mI	/hr)	
10	-	-	1.2	1.6	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.5
20	-	1.6	2.4	3.2	4.0	4.8	5.6	6.4
30	1.2	2.4	3.6	4.8	6.0	7.2	8.4	9.6
40	1.6	3.2	4.8	6.4	8.0	9.6	11.2	12.8
50	2.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	12.0	14.0	16.0
60	2.4	4.8	7.2	9.6	12.0	14.4	16.8	19.5
70	2.8	5.6	8.4	11.2	14.0	16.8	19.6	22.4
80	3.2	6.4	9.6	12.8	16.0	19.2	22.4	25.6
90	3.6	7.2	10.8	14.4	18.0	21.6	25.2	28.8
100	4.0	8.0	12.0	16.0	20.0	24.0	28.0	32.0

Table 7: Infusion Rates for FLOLAN at a incentration of 5000 ng/ml

Patient Weight	-	Dose	or Dr		ivery R inute)	late (n	g/kg pe	T
(kg)	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
		Ir	fusion	Deliv	ery Ra	te (mI		
10	1-		-	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.7-	1.5
20	1-	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.4	2.9	3.4	3.8
30	-	1.4	2.2	2.9	3.6	4.3	5.0	5.8
40	1.0	1.9	2.9	3.8	4.8	5.8	6.7	7.7
50	1.2	2.4	3.6	4.8	6.0	7.2	8.4	9.6
60	1.4	2.9	4.3	5.8	7.2	8.6	10.1	11.5
70	1.7	3.4	5.0	6.7	8.4	10.1	11.8	13.4
80	1.9	3.8	5.8	7.7	9.6	11.5	13.4	15.4
90	2.2	4.3	6.5	8.6	10.8	13.0	15.1	17.3
100	2.4	4.8	7.2	9.6	12.0	14.4	16.8	19.2

Table 8: Infusion Rates for FLOLAN at a

Patient Weight		Dose or	Drug I	Delivery minute		ng/kg pe	er
(kg)	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Per Carl	13	Infu	sion De	livery I	Rate (m	L/hr)	
20	-	- 22	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.9
30	-	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.9
40	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.4	2.9	3.4	3.8
50	1.2	1.8	2.4	3.0	3.6	4.2	4.8

80 1.9 2.9 90 2.2 3.2 4.3 5.4 6.5 7.6 100 2.4 3.6 4.8 6.0 7.2 8.4						4.3 5.0 5.8 6.5 7.2	5.0 5.9 6.7 7.6 8.4	5.8 6.7 7.7 8.6 9.6
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Table 9: Infusion Rates for FLOLAN at a Concentration of 15,000 ng/mL

Patient	1	Dose or	Drug D	elivery minute	Rate (II	g/kg per	16
Weight (kg)	4	6	8	10	12	14	10
30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100	1.0 1.1 1.3 1.4 1.6	Infu 1.0 1.2 1.4 1.7 1.9 2.2 2.4	1.0 1.3 1.6 1.9 2.2 2.6 2.9 3.2	1.2 1.6 2.0 2.4 2.8 3.2 3.6 4.0	1.4 1.9 2.4 2.9 3.4 3.8 4.3 4.8	1.7 2.2 2.8 3.4 3.9 4.5 5.0 5.6	1.9 2.6 3.2 3.8 4.8 5.1 5.8 6.4

Storage and Stability: Unopened vials of FLOLAN are stable until the date indicated on the package when stored at 15 to 25°C (59° to 77°F) and protected from light in the carton. Unopened vials of STERILE DILUENT for FLOLAN are stable until the date indicated on the package when stored at 15° to 25°C (59° to 77°F).

Prior to use, reconstituted solutions of FLOLAN must be protected from light and must be refrigerated at 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F) if not used immediately. Do not freeze reconstituted solution that has been frozen. Discard any reconstituted solution that has been frozen. Discard any reconstituted solution if it has been refrigerated for more than 48 hours. During use, a single reservoir of reconstituted solution of FLOLAN can be administered at room temperature for a total duration of 8 hours, or it can be used with a cold pouch

solution if it has been refrigerated for more than 48 hours. During use, a single reservoir of reconstituted solution of FLOLAN can be administered at room temperature for a total duration of 8 hours, or it can be used with a cold pouch and administered up to 24 hours with the use of two frozen 6-oz gel packs in a cold pouch. When stored or in use, reconstituted FLOLAN must be insulated from temperatures greater than 25°C (77°F) and less than 0°C (32°F), and must not be exposed to direct sunlight.

Use at Room Temperature: Prior to use at room temperature, 15° to 25°C (55° to 77°F), reconstituted solutions of FLOLAN may be stored refrigerated at 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F) for no longer than 40 hours. When administered at room temperature, reconstituted solutions may be used for no longer than 8 hours. This 48-hour period allows the patient to reconstitute a 2-day supply (200 mL) of FLOLAN. Each 100-mL daily supply may be divided into three equal portions. Two of the portions are stored refrigerated at 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F) until they are used.

Use with a Cold Pouch. Prior to infusion with the use of a cold pouch, solutions may be stored refrigerated at 2° to 8°C. 40°C unit of the portions are stored refrigerated at 2° to 8°C. 40°C unit of the portions are stored refrigerated at 2° to 8°C. 40°C unit of the portions are stored refrigerated at 2° to 8°C. 40°C unit of the portions are stored refrigerated at 2° to 8°C.

Use with a Cold Pouch: Prior to infusion with the use of a cold pouch, solutions may be stored refrigerated at 2° to 8°C (38° to 46°F) for up to 24 hours. When a cold pouch is employed during the infusion, reconstituted solutions of FLOLAN may be used for no longer than 24 hours. The gel packs should be changed every 12 hours. Reconstituted solutions may be kept at 2° to 8°C (38° to 46°F), either in refrigerated storage or in a cold pouch or a combination of the two, for no more than 48 hours.

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for narticulate matter and discoloration prior to administration

particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration whenever solution and container permit. If either occurs, FLOLAN should not be administered.

HOW SUPPLIED

FLOLAN for Injection is supplied as a sterile freeze-dried powder in 17-mL flint glass vials with gray butyl rubber clo-

sures, individually packaged in a carton.

17-mL vial containing epoprostenol sodium equivale
0.5 mg (500,000 ng), carton of 1 (NDC 0173-0517-00). 17-mL vial containing epoprostenol sodium equivalent to 1.5 mg (1,500,000 ng), carton of 1 (NDC 0173-0519-00).

Store the vials of FLOLAN at 15° to 25°C (59° to 77°F). Protect from light.

The STERILE DILUENT for FLOLAN is supplied in 50-mL flint glass vials with fluororesin-faced butyl rubber closure 50-mL vial of STERILE DILUENT for FLOLAN, tray of 4 (NDC 0173-0518-00).

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* Higher concentrations may be required for patients who receive FLOLAN long-term.

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Store the vials of STERILE DILUENT for FLOLAN as to 25°C (59° to 77°F). DO NOT FREEZE. US Patent Nos. 4,335,139; 4,539,333; and 4,833,139; Patent Nos. 4,335,1107, 4,039,033; and 4,503,512 Patent)
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FLONASE®

(fluticasone propionate) Nasal Spray, 50 mcg For Intranasal Use Only. SHAKE GENTLY BEFORE USE.

DESCRIPTION

DESCRIPTION
Fluticasone propionate, the active ingredient of FLOλλics
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Nasal Spray, is a synthetic corticosteroid with the dama
name of S-fluoromethyl 6α,9α-diffluoro-11β-hydray-le,
methyl-3-αxo-17α-propionyloxyandrosta-1,4-disne-17β-cs
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bothioate. Fluticasone propionate is a white to off-white powder wat, molecular weight of 500.6. It is practically insolube in use ter, freely soluble in dimethyl sulfoxide and dimethyle mide, and slightly soluble in methanol and 55° ethanol FLONASE Nasal Spray 50 mcg is an aqueous suspensed microfine fluticasone propionate for topical administrato to the nasal mucosa by means of a metering, atomisto to the nasal mucosa by means of a metering, atomists spray pump. FLONASE Nasal Spray also contains more spray pump. FLONASE Nasal Spray also contains more cystalline collulose and carboxymethyleclulose soft dextrose, 0.02% w/w benzalkonium chloride, polysorate stand 0.25% w/w phenylethyl alcohol, and has a net. and 0.25% w/w phenylethyl alcohol, and has a pH between

and 7.

It is necessary to prime the pump before first use or after a It is necessary to prime the pump before first use or after a period of non-use (1 week or more). After initial priming its actuations), each actuation delivers 50 meg of fluticoses propionate in 100 mg of formulation through the mail adapter. Each bottle of FLONASE Nasal Spray provides 120 metered sprays. After 120 metered sprays, the amount of fluticasome propionate delivered per actuation may not be consistent and the unit should be discarded. pearming in the color in the co

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Fluticasone propionate is a synthetic, trifluorinated cortes-steroid with anti-inflammatory activity. In vitro dose re-sponse studies on a cloned human glucocorticoid receptor system involving binding and gene expression afforded 5% responses at 1.25 and 0.17 nM concentrations, respectively. Fluticasone propionate was threefold to fivefold more potent than dexamethasone in these assays. Data from the McKenzie vasoconstrictor assay in man also support its potent glucocorticoid activity.

In preclinical studies, fluticasone propionate revealed pro-gesterone-like activity similar to the natural hormone However, the clinical significance of these findings in rela-tion to the low plasma levels (see Pharmacokinetics) is not

The precise mechanism through which fluticasone pr nate affects allergic rhinitis symptoms is not known. Cor-costeroids have been shown to have a wide range of effect on multiple cell types (e.g., mast cells, cosinophils, neutro-phils, macrophages, and lymphocytes) and mediators (e.g., histamine, eicosanoids, leukotrienes, and cytokines) is volved in inflammation. In seven trials in adults, FLONASE Nasal Spray has decreased nasal mucosal eosinophils in 66% (35% for placebo) of patients and basophils in 39% [285 for placebo) of patients. The direct relationship of these findings to long-term symptom relief is not known. FLONASE Nasal Spray, like other corticosteroids, is an

agent that does not have an immediate effect on allers symptoms. A decrease in nasal symptoms has been noted in some patients 12 hours after initial treatment with FLONASE Nasal Spray. Maximum benefit may not be reached for several days. Similarly, when corticosters discontinued, symptoms may not return for several days.

Pharmacokinetics: Absorption: The activity of FLONASE. Nasal Spray is due to the parent drug, fluticasone proponate. Indirect calculations indicate that fluticasone propositions in the fluticasone proposition in the fluticasone proposition. nate delivered by the intranasal route has an absolute he availability averaging less than 2%. After intranasal trul ment of patients with allergic rhinitis for 3 weeks. fluticasone propionate plasma concentrations were shot the level of detection (50 pg/mL) only when recommend doses were exceeded and then only in occasional samples in the propional control of the low plasma levels. Due to the low bioavailability by the paranasal route, the majority of the pharmacokinetic dia was obtained via other routes of administration. Studies in goral dosing of and individual to the pharmacokinetic dia was obtained via other routes of administration. Studies in goral dosing of and individual to the pharmacokinetic dia studies and the pharmacokinetic diagrams. ing oral dosing of radiolabeled drug have demonstrated the fluticasone propionate is highly extracted from plasma absorption is low. Oral bioavailability is negligible, and the majority of the circumstance. majority of the circulating radioactivity is due to an inactivity in the circulating radioactivity is due to an inactivity in the circulating radioactivity is due to an inactivity in the circulating radioactivity is due to an inactivity in the circulating radioactivity in the circulating radioactivity is due to an inactivity in the circulating radioactivity in the circulating radioactivity is due to an inactivity in the circulating radioactivity in the circulation radioactivity radioactivit

Distribution: Following intravenous administration, initial dispraction initial disposition phase for fluticasone propional rapid and consistent with its high lipid solubility and tisse

binding The volume of distribution averaged 4.2 L/kg The similar of fluticasone propionate bound to human percentage of fluticasone propionate bound to human percentage of the with no obvious concentrations are propionate in the propionate in th

man.

In a multiple-dose drug interaction study, coadministration of orally inhaled fluticasone propionate (500 meg twice daily) and erythromycin (333 mg three times daily) did not affect fluticasone propionate pharmacheris.

daily) and erythologolar to pharmacokinetics.

In a drug interaction study, coadministration of orally inhaled fluticasone propionate (1000 meg, 5 times the maximum daily intranasal dose) and ketoconazole (200 mg once daily) resulted in increased fluticasone propionate concentrations, a reduction in plasma cortisol AUC, and no effect on urinary excretion of cortisol.

Excretion: Following intravenous dosing, fluticasone propionate showed polyexponential kinetics and had a terminal elimination half-life of approximately 7.8 hours. Less than 5% of a radiolabeled oral dose was excreted in the urine as metabolites, with the remainder excreted in the feces as parent drug and metabolites.

Special Populations: Fluticasone propionate was not studied in any special populations, and no gender-specific pharmacokinetic data have been obtained.

ied in any special populations, and no generate spects. Pinanacokinetic data have been obtained.

Pharmacodynamics: In a trial to evaluate the potential systemic and topical effects of FLONASE Nasal Spray on allergic rhinitis symptoms, the benefits of comparable drug blood levels produced by FLONASE Nasal Spray and oral fluticasone propionate were compared. The doses used were 200 meg of FLONASE Nasal Spray, the nasal spray wehicle (plus oral placebo, and 5 and 10 mg of oral fluticasone propionate tiplus nasal spray vehicle) per day for 14 days. Plasma levels were undetectable in the majority of patients after intranasal dosing, but present at low levels in the majority after and dosing. FLONASE Nasal Spray was significantly more effective in reducing symptoms of allergic rhinitis than either the oral fluticasone propionate or the nasal vehicle. This trial demonstrated that the therapeutic effect of FLONASE Nasal Spray can be attributed to the topical effects of fluticasone propionate.

In another trial, the potential systemic effects of FLONASE.

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In another trial, the potential systemic effects of FLONASE
Nasal Spray on the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA)
axis were also studied in allergic patients. FLONASE Nasal
Spray given as 200 mcg once daily or 400 mcg twice daily
was compared with placebo or oral prednisone 7.5 or 15 mg
given in the morning. FLONASE Nasal Spray at either dose
for 4 weeks did not affect the adrenal response to 6-hour
cosyntropin stimulation, while both doses of oral prednisone
significantly reduced the response to cosyntropin.

Clinical Tiglia: A total of 13 randomized, double-blind, par-

cosyntropin stimulation, while both doses of oral premission significantly reduced the response to cosyntropin. Clinical Trials: A total of 13 randomized, double-blind, parallel, multicenter, vehicle-controlled clinical trials were conducted in the United States in adults and pediatric patients (4 years of age and older) with seasonal or perennial allergic rhinitis. The trials included 2633 adults (1439 men and 1194 women) with a mean age of 37 years (range, 18 to 79). A total of 440 adolescents (405 boys and 35 girls), mean age of 14 (range, 12 to 17), and 500 children (325 boys and 175 girls), mean age of 9 (range, 4 to 11) were also studied. The overall racial distribution was 99% white, 4% black, and 7% other. These trials evaluated the total nasal symptom scores (TNSS) that included rhinorrhen, nasal obstruction, sneezing, and nasal itching in known allergic patients who were treated for 2 to 24 weeks. Subjects treated with FLONASE. Nasal Spray exhibited significantly greater decreases in TNSS than vehicle placebo-treated patients. Nasal mucosal basophils and eosinophils were also reduced at the end of treatment in adult studies; however, the clinical significance of this decrease is not known. of this decrease is not known.

There were no significant differences between fluticasone propionate regimens whether administered as a single daily dose of 200 mcg (two 50-mcg sprays in each nostril) or as 100 mcg (one 50-mcg spray in each nostril) twice daily in six clinical trials. A clear dose response could not be identified in clinical trials. In one trial, 200 mcg/day was slightly more effective them. So mcg/day which the first few days of treateffective than 50 mcg/day during the first few days of treatment; thereafter, no difference was seen.

Three randomized, double-blind, parallel, vehicle-controlled Three randomized, double-blind, parallel, vehicle-controlled trials were conducted in 1191 patients with perennial non-allergic rhinitis. These trials evaluated the patient-rated total nasal symptom scores (nasal obstruction, postnasal drip, rhinorrhea) in patients treated for 28 days of double-blind therapy and in one of the 3 trials for 6 months of open-label treatment. Two of these trials demonstrated that patients treated with FLONASE Nasal Spray at a dose of 100 mcg twice daily exhibited statistically significant decreases in total nasal symptom scores compared with patients treated with vehicle.

Individualization of Dosage: Adult patients may be started on a 200-mcg once-a-day regimen (two 50-mcg sprays in each nostril once-a-day). An alternative 200-mcg/day dosage

regimen can be given as 100 mcg twice daily (one 50-mcg spray in each nostril twice-a-day). Individual patients will experience a variable time to onset and different degree of a symptom relief. In 4 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel group allergic rhintis studies and 2 studies of patients in an outdoor "park" setting (park atudies), a decrease in nasal symptoms in treated subjects compared to placebo was shown to occur as soon as 12 hours after treatment with a 200-mcg dose of FLONASE Nasal Spray. Maximum effect may take several days, Patients who have responded may be able to be maintained (after 4 to 7 days) on 100 mcg/day (one spray in each nostril once daily). ostril once daily).

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Pediatric patients (4 years of age and older) should be started with 100 mcg (one spray in each nostril once-a-day). Treatment with 200 mcg (two sprays in each nostril once daily) or one spray in each nostril wice daily) should be re served for pediatric patients not adequately responding to 100 mcg daily. Once adequate control is achieved, the dos-age should be decreased to 100 mcg (one spray in each nos-

trii) daily.

Maximum total daily doses should not exceed two sprays in each nostril (total dose, 200 mcg/day). There is no evidence that exceeding the recommended dose is more effective.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

FLONASE Nasal Spray is indicated for the management of the nasal symptoms of seasonal and perennial allergic and nonallergic rhinitis in adults and pediatric patients 4 years of age and older. Safety and effectiveness of FLONASE Nasal Spray in chil-dren below 4 years of age have not been adequately estab-lished.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

FLONASE Nasal Spray is contraindicated in patients with a hypersensitivity to any of its ingredients.

WARNINGS
The replacement of a systemic corticosteroid with a topical corticosteroid can be accompanied by signs of adrenal insufficiency, and in addition some patients may experience symptoms of withdrawal, e.g., joint and/or muscular pain, lassitude, and depression. Patients previously treated for prolonged periods with systemic corticosteroids and transferred to topical corticosteroids should be carefully monitored for acute adrenal insufficiency in response to stress. In those patients who have asthma or other clinical conditions requiring long-term systemic corticosteroid treatment, too requiring long-term systemic corticosteroid treatment, too rapid a decrease in systemic corticosteroids may cause a se-vere exacerbation of their symptoms. The concomitant use of intranasal corticosteroids with other

inhaled corticosteroids could increase the risk of signs or symptoms of hypercorticism and/or suppression of the HPA

Patients who are on immunosuppressant drugs are more susceptible to infections than healthy individuals. Chicken-pox and measles, for example, can have a more serious or even fatal course in patients on immunosuppressant doses of corticosteroids. In such patients who have not had these diseases, particular care should be taken to avoid exposure. How the dose, route, and duration of corticosteroid administration affects the risk of developing a disseminated infection is not known. The contribution of the underlying disease and/or prior corticosteroid treatment to the risk is also not known. If exposed to chickenpox, prophylaxis with varicella zoster immune globulin (VZIG) may be indicated. If exposed to measles, prophylaxis with pooled intramuscular immunoglobulin (IG) may be indicated. (See the respective package inserts for complete VZIG and IG prescribing information). If chickenpox develops, treatment with antiviral agents may be considered. Patients who are on immunosuppressant drugs

PRECAUTIONS

General: Rarely, immediate hypersensitivity reactions or General: Karely, immediate hypersensitivity reactions or contact dermatitis may occur after the administration of FLONASE Nasal Spray. Rare instances of wheezing, nasal septum perforation, cataracts, glaucoma, and increased in-traocular pressure have been reported following the intra-nasal application of corticosteroids, including fluticasone

propionate.
Use of excessive doses of corticosteroids may lead to signs or symptoms of hypercorticism, suppression of HPA function, and/or reduction of growth velocity in children or teenagers. Physicians should closely follow the growth of children and adolescents taking corticosteroids, by any route, and weigh the benefits of corticosteroid therapy against the possibility of growth suppression if growth appears slowed.

Although systemic effects have been minimal with recommended doses of FLONASE Nasal Spray, potential risk increases with larger doses. Therefore, larger than recom-

creases with larger doses. Therefore, larger than recom-mended doses of FLONASE Nasal Spray should be avoided. When used at higher than recommended doses, or in rare individuals at recommended doses, systemic corticosteroid effects such as hypercorticism and adrenal suppression may appear. If such changes occur, the dosage of FLONASE Nasal Spray should be discontinued slowly consistent with accepted procedures for discontinuing oral corticosteroid ther-

In clinical studies with fluticasone propionate administered intranasally, the development of localized infections of the nose and pharynx with Candida albicans has occurred only nose and pinal yas with a frequency of the such an infection develops, it may require treatment with appropriate local therapy and discontinuation of treatment with FLONASE Nasal Spray. Patients using FLONASE Nasal Spray over several months or longer

should be examined periodically for evidence of Candida inshould be examined periodically for evidence of Canada di-fection or other signs of adverse effects on the nasal mucosa. FLONASE Nasal Spray should be used with caution, if at all, in patients with active or quiescent tuberculous infec-tion; untreated local or systemic fungal or bacterial, or sys-temic viral infections or parasitic infection; or ocular herpes simplex.

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Because of the inhibitory effect of corticosteroids on wound bealing, patients who have experienced recent nasal septal ulcers, nasal surgery, or nasal trauma should not use a nasal corticosteroid until healing has occurred.

Information for Patients: Patients being treated with FLONASE Nasal Spray should receive the following information and instructions. This information is intended to aid them in the safe and effective use of this medication. It is not a disclosure of all possible adverse or intended effects. Patients should be warned to avoid exposure to chickenpox or measles and, if exposed, to consult their physician without delay.

Patients should use FLONASE Naval Screw at regular in

out delay.

Patients should use FLONASE Nasal Spray at regular intervals as directed since its effectiveness depends on its regular use. A decrease in nasal symptoms may occur as soon as 12 hours after starting therapy with FLONASE Nasal Spray, Results in several clinical trials indicate statistically significant improvement within the first day or two of treatment; however, the full benefit of FLONASE Nasal Spray may not be achieved until treatment has been administered for several days. The patient should not increase the prescribed dosage but should contact the physician if symptoms do not improve or if the condition worsens. For the proper use of the nasal spray and to attain maximum improvement, the patient should read and follow carefully the patient's instructions accompanying the product.

Drug Interactions: In a placebo-controlled, crossover study in eight healthy volunteers, coadministration of a single dose of orally inhaled fluticasone propionate (1000 meg, 5 times the maximum daily intranasal dose) with multiple doses of ketoconazole (200 mg) to steady state resulted in increased mean fluticasone propionate concentrations, a reduction in plasma cortisol AUC, and no effect on urinary excretion of cortisol. This interaction may be due to an inhibition of the cytochrome P450 3A4 isoenzyme system by ketoconazole, which is also the route of metabolism of fluticasone propionate. No drug interaction studies have been conducted with FLONASE Nasal Spray, however, care should be exercised when fluticasone propionate is coadministered with long-term ketoconazole and other known cytochrome P450 3A4 inhibitors.

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Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: Flu-ticasone propionate demonstrated no tumorigenic potentia ticasone propionate demonstrated no tumorigenic potential in mice at oral doses up to 1000 mcg/kg (approximately 20 times the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults and approximately 10 times the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in children on a mcg/m² basis) for 78 weeks or in rats at inhalation doses up to 57 mcg/kg (approximately 2 times the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults and approximately equivalent to the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in children on a mcg/m² basis) for 104 weeks.

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Fluticasone propionate did not induce gene mutation in pro-karyotic or eukaryotic cells in vitro. No significant clastoge nic effect was seen in cultured human peripheral lympho-cytes in vitro or in the mouse micronucleus test when ad-ministered at high doses by the oral or subcutaneous routes. Furthermore, the compound did not delay erythroblast di-vision in bone marrow.

vision in none marrow. No evidence of impairment of fertility was observed in reproductive studies conducted in male and female rats at subcutaneous doses up to 50 mcg/kg (approximately 2 times the maximum recommended daily intransaid dose in adults on a mcg/m² basis). Prostate weight was significantly reduced at a subcutaneous dose of 50 mcg/kg.

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Pregnancy: Teratogenic Effects: Pregnancy Category C.

Subcutaneous studies in the mouse and rat at 45 and 100 mcg/kg, respectively (approximately equivalent to and 4 times the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m² basis, respectively) revealed fetal toxicity characteristic of potent corticosteroid compounds, including embryonic growth retardation, omphalocele, cleft palate, and retarded cranial ossification.

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In the rabbit, fetal weight reduction and cleft palate were observed at a subcutaneous dose of 4 mcg/kg (less than the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on mcg/m² basis).

However, no teratogenic effects were reported at oral doses However, no teratogenic effects were reported at oral doses up to 300 mcg/kg (approximately 25 times the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m² basis) of fluticasone propionate to the rabbit. No fluticasone propionate was detected in the plasma in this study, consistent with the established low bioavailability following oral administration (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY).

Fluticasone propionate crossed the placenta following oral administration of 100 mcg/kg to rats or 300 mcg/kg to rab-

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There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in preg-nant women. Fluticasone propionate should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Experience with oral corticosteroids since their introduction in pharmacologic, as opposed to physiologic, doses suggests that rodents are more prone to teratogenic effects from cor-ticosteroids than humans. In addition, because there is a natural increase in corticosteroid production during preg-nancy, most women will require a lower exogenous cortico-steroid dose and many will not need corticosteroid treat-ment during pregnancy.

ment during pregnancy.

Nursing Mothers: It is not known whether flutica roursing Mothers: It is not known whether fluticasone pro-pionate is excreted in human breast milk. When tritiated fluticasone propionate was administered to rate at a subcu-taneous dose of 10 mcg/kg (less than the maximum recom-mended daily intranasal dose in adults on a mcg/m² basis), radioactivity was excreted in the milk. Because other corti-costeroids are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when FLONASE Nasal Spray is administered to a nursing woman.

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Pediatric Use: Five hundred (500) patients aged 4 to 11 years of age and 440 patients aged 12 to 17 years were studied in US clinical trials with fluticasone propionate nasal spray. The safety and effectiveness of FLONASE Nasal Spray in children below 4 years of age have not been established.

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Oral and, to a less clear extent, inhaled and intranasal corticosteroids have been shown to have the potential to cause a reduction in growth velocity in children and adolescents with extended use. If a child or adolescent on any corticosteroid appears to have growth suppression, the possibility that they are particularly sensitive to this effect of corticosteroids should be considered (see PRECAUTIONS).

Geriatric Use: A limited number of patients above 60 years of age (n = 275) have been treated with FLONASE Nasal could be considered (see FRECAUTIONS).

Spray in US and non-US clinical trials. While the number of spray in to a mail to permit separate analysis of efficacy and safety, the adverse reactions reported in this population were similar to those reported by younger patients.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

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In controlled US studies, more than 3300 patients with seasonal allergic, perennial allergic, or perennial nonallergic rhinitis received treatment with intranasal fluticasone propionate. In general, adverse reactions in clinical studies have been primarily associated with irritation of the nasal mucous membranes, and the adverse reactions were reported with approximately the same frequency by patients treated with the vehicle itself. The complaints did not usually approximately properly the same frequency and provided ally interfere with treatment. Less than 2% of patients in clinical trials discontinued because of adverse events; this rate was similar for vehicle placebo and active comparators. Systemic orticosteroid side effects were not reported during controlled clinical studies up to 6 months' duration with FLONASE Nasal Spray. If recommended doses are exver, or if individuals are particularly sensitive ceeded, however, or if individuals are particularly sensitive, or taking FLONASE Nasal Spray in conjunction with administration of other corticosteroids, symptoms of hypercorticism, e.g., Cushing's syndrome, could occur. The following incidence of common adverse reactions (>3%, where incidence in fluticasone propionate-treated subjects

exceeded placebo) is based upon seven controlled clinical tri-als in which 536 patients (57 girls and 108 boys aged 4 to 11 years, 137 female and 234 male adolescents and adults) years, 137 female and 234 male adolescents and adults) were treated with FLONASE Nasal Spray 200 meg once daily over 2 to 4 weeks and two controlled clinical trials in which 246 patients (119 female and 127 male adolescents and adults) were treated with FLONASE Nasal Spray 200 meg once daily over 6 months. Also included in the table are adverse events from two studies in which 167 children (45 girls and 122 boys aged 4 to 11 years) were treated with FLONASE Nasal Spray 100 mcg once daily for 2 to 4 weeks. (See table below)

Other adverse events that occurred in ≤3% but ≥1% of paother adverse events that occurred in 30.8 that 12.4 or pa-tients and that were more common with fluticasone propio-nate (with uncertain relationship to treatment) included; blood in nasal mucus, runny nose, abdominal pain, diarrhea, fever, flu-like symptoms, aches and pains, dizziness

Observed During Clinical Practice: In addition to adverse events reported from clinical trials, the following events

have been identified during postapproval use of fluticasone propionate in clinical practice. Because they are reported voluntarily from a population of unknown size, estimates of frequency cannot be made. These events have been chosen for inclusion due to either their seriousness, frequency of reporting, causal connection to fluticasone propionate, occurrence during clinical trials, or a combination of these factors.

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General: Hypersensitivity reactions, including angioedema, skin rash, edema of the face and tongue, pruritus, urticaria, bronchospasm, wheezing, dyspnea, and anaphylaxis/anaphylactoid reactions, which in rare instances were severe.

Ear. Nose, and Throat. Alteration or loss of sense of taste and/or smell and, rarely, nasal septal perforation, nasal uccer, sore throat, throat irritation and dryness, cough, hoarseness, and voice changes.

Eye: Dryness and irritation, conjunctivitis, blurred vision, glaucoma, increased intraocular pressure, and cataracts.

OVERDOMACE

OVERDOSAGE
Chronic overdosage with FLONASE Nasal Spray may result in signs/symptoms of hypercorticism (see PRECAU-TIONS). Intranasal administration of 2 mg (10 times the recommended dose) of fluticasone propionate twice daily for 7 days to healthy human volunteers was well tolerated. Single oral doses up to 16 mg have been studied in human volunteers with no acute toxic effects reported. Repeat oral doses up to 10 mg daily for 10 days in volunteers and repeat oral doses up to 10 mg daily for 14 days in patients were well tolerated. Adverse reactions were of mild or moderate severity, and incidences were similar in active and placebo treatment groups. Acute overdosage with this dosage form is unlikely since one bottle of FLONASE Nasal Spray contains approximately 8 mg of fluticasone propionate.

The oral and subcutaneous median lethal doses in mice and rats were >1000 mg/kg (>20000 and >41000 times, respectively, the maximum recommended daily intranasal dose in children on a mg/m² basis).

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Patients should use FLONASE Nasal Spray at regular inervals as directed since its effectiver

ular use.

Adults: The recommended starting dosage in adults is two sprays (50 meg of fluticasone propionate each) in each nostril once-a-day (total daily dose, 200 meg). The same dosage divided into 100 meg given twice-a-day (eg., 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.) is also effective. After the first few days, patients may be able to reduce their dosage to 100 meg (one spray in each nostril) once daily for maintenance therapy.

Adolescents and Children (4 Years of Age and Older): Patients should be started with 100 meg (one spray in each nostril once-a-day). Patients not adequately responding to 100 meg may use 200 meg (two sprays in each nostril). Once adequate control is achieved, the dosage should be decreased to 100 meg (one spray in each nostril) daily. The maximum total daily dosage should not exceed two sprays in each nostril (200 meg/day). (See Individualization of Dosage and Clinical Trials sections.)

FLONASE Nasal Spray is not recommended for children Adults: The recommended starting dosage in adults is two

FLONASE Nasal Spray is not recommended for children under 4 years of age.

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Directions for Use: Illustrated patient's instructions for proper use accompany each package of FLONASE Nasal Spray.

HOW SUPPLIED

FLONASE Nasal Spray 50 mcg is supplied in an amber glass bottle providing 120 actuations, net fill weight 16 g (NDC 0173-0453-01). Each actuation delivers 50 mcg of fluticasone propionate in 100 mg of formulation through the nasal adapter. The bottle should be discarded when the labeled number of actuations has been reached even though the bottle is not completely empty. Each bottle is fitted with a white metering atomizing pump, white nasal adapter, and green dust cover in a box of one with patient's instructions

Store between 4° and 30°C (39° and 86°F).

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	(n = 758)	100 mcg Once Daily	200 mcg Once Daily
	%	(n = 167)	(n = 782)
Headache Pharyngitis Epistaxis Nasal burning/irritation Nausea/vomiting Asthma symptoms Cough	14.6	6.6	16.1
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Though highly effective for the treatment of asthma, gluco Though highly effective for the treatment of asthma, gluc-corticoids do not affect asthma symptoms immediately. However, improvement following inhaled administration of fluticasone propionate can occur within 24 hours of begin-ning treatment, although maximum benefit may not be achieved for 1 to 2 weeks or longer after starting treatment. When glucocorticoids are discontinued, asthma stability

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may persist for several days or longer.

Pharmacokinetics: Absorption: The activity of FLOVENT
Inhalation Aerosol is due to the parent drug, fluticasca propionate. Studies using oral dosing of labeled and unla-beled drug have demonstrated that the oral systemic his availability of fluticasone propionate is negligible (<1%) primarily due to incomplete absorption and pre-systems metabolism in the gut and liver. In contrast, the majority of the fluticasone propionate delivered to the lung is systemically absorbed. The systemic bioavailability of fluticason propionate inhalation aerosol in healthy volunteers are aged about 30% of the dose delivered from the actuator. Peak plasma concentrations after an 800-mcg inhaled dose

ranged from 0.1 to 1.0 ng/mL. Distribution: Following intravenous administration, the initial disposition phase for fluticasone propionate was rapid and consistent with its high lipid solubility and tissue binding. The volume of distribution averaged 4.2 Ukg The percentage of fluticasone propionate bound to human plasma proteins averaged 91%. Fluticasone propionate weakly and reversibly bound to erythrocytes. Fluticasone propionate and propionate a opionate is not significantly bound to human transo Metabolism: The total clearance of fluticasone proposate is high (average, 1093 mL/min), with renal clearance at counting for less than 0.02% of the total. The only circulate ing metabolite detected in man is the 17β-carboxylic and derivative of fluticasone propionate, which is formed through the cytochrome P450 3A4 pathway. This metab had approximately 2,000 times less affinity than the parts drug for the glucocorticoid receptor of human lung cyto vitro and negligible pharmacological activity in animal studies. Other metabolites detected in vitro using cultures burners because of the control of the co human hepatoma cells have not been detected in man Excretion: Following intravenous dosing, fluticasone proporte showed pionate showed polyexponential kinetics and had a termi elimination half-life of approximately 7.8 hours. Less the 5% of a radiolabeled oral dose was excreted in the units metabolitae.

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ASTELIN®

(azelastine hydrochloride) Nasal Spray, 137 mcg For Intranasal Use Only

DESCRIPTION

Astelin® (azelastine hydrochloride) Nasal Spray, 137 micrograms (mcg), is an antihistamine formulated as a meteredgrams (meg), is an antihistamine formulated as a metered spray solution for intranasal administration. Azelastine hydrochloride occurs as a white, almost odorless, crystalline powder with a bitter taste. It has a molecular weight of 418.37. It is sparingly soluble in water, methanol, and propleme glycol and slightly soluble in ethanol, octanol, and giverine. It has a melting point of about 225°C and the pH of a saturated solution is between 5.0 and 5.4. Its chemical name is (±)-1-(2H)-phthalazione, 4-[(4-chlorophenyl) methyl-2-(hexahydro-1-methyl-1H-azepin-4-yl)-, monohydrochloride. Its molecular formula is C₂-H₃₃C(N₃O-HCl with the following chemical structure: the following chemical structure:

Astelin® Nasal Spray contains 0.1% azelastine hydrochloride in an aqueous solution at pH 6.8 ± 0.3. It also contains benzalkonium chloride (125 mcg/mL), edetate disodium, hydroxypropy) methyl cellulose, citric acid, dibasic sodium phosphate, sodium chloride, and purified water.

phosphate, sodium chloride, and purined water.

After priming, each metered spray delivers a 0.187 mL

mean volume containing 187 meg of azelastine hydrochloride (equivalent to 125 mcg of azelastine base). Each bottle can deliver 100 metered sprays

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Azelastine hydrochloride, a phthalazinone derivative, exhibits histamine H, receptor antagonist activity in isolated tissues, animal models, and humans. Astelini® Nasal Spray is administered as a racemic mixture with no difference in pharmacologic activity noted between the enantiomers in invitro studies. The major metabolite, desmethylazelastine, also possesses H, receptor antagonist activity.

Pharmacokinetics and Metabolism.

After intranasal administration, the systemic bioavailability of azelastine hydrochloride is approximately 40%. Maximum plasma concentrations (Cmax) are achieved in 2-3 hours. Based on intravenous and oral administration, the elimination half-life, steady-state volume of distribution, and plasma clearance are 22 hours. 14.5 L/kg, and 0.5 L/h/kg, respectively. Approximately 75% of an oral dose of radiolabeled azelastine hydrochloride was excreted in the feces with less than 10% as unchanged azelastine. Azelastine is oxidatively metabolized to the principal active metabolite, desmethylazelastine, by the cytochrome P450 enzyme system. The specific P450 isoforms responsible for the biotransformation of azelastine have not been identified; however, clinical interaction studies with the known CYP3A4 inhibitor crythromycin failed to demonstrate a pharmacokinetic interaction. In a multiple-dose, steady-state drug interaction study in normal volunteers, cimetidine (400 mg twice daily), a nosnpecific P450 inhibitor, raised orally administered mean azelastine thydrochloride. After intranasal dosing of azelastine hydrochloride to steady-state, plasma concentrations of desmethylazelastine has an eliminacon administration of azelastine hydrochloride to steady-state, plasma concentrations of desmethylazelastine has an eliminative of azelastine hydrochloride to steady-state, plasma concentrations of desmethylazelastine has an eliminative desmenter or ally desmethylazelastine has an elimina.

concentrations or desmethylazelastine range from 20-30% of azelastine concentrations. When azelastine hydrochloride is administered orally, desmethylazelastine has an elimination half-life of 54 hours. Limited data indicate that the metabolite profile is similar when azelastine hydrochloride is administered via the intranasal or oral route.

In vitro studies with human plasma indicate that the plasma profesip hinding of azelastine and desmethylazelastic.

plasma protein binding of azelastine and desmethylazelas-tine are approximately 88% and 97%, respectively. Azelastine hydrochloride administered intransally at doses above two sprays per nostril twice daily for 29 days

resulted in greater than proportional increases in Cmax and area under the curve (AUC) for azelastine. Studies in healthy subjects administered oral doses of

azelastine hydrochloride demonstrated linear responses in Cmax and AUC.

Special Populations

Following oral administration, pharmacokinetic parameters rollowing oral administration, pairmator heatic impairment, were not influenced by age; gender, or hepatic impairment. Based on oral, single-dose studies, renal insufficiency (creatine clearance <50 mL/min) resulted in a 70-75% higher Cmax and AUC compared to normal subjects. Time to maximum concentration was unchanged.

Oral azelastine has been safely administered to over 1400

asthmatic subjects, supporting the safety of administering Astelin® Nasal Spray to allergic rhinitis patients with

Pharmacodynamics

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In a placebo-controlled study (95 subjects with allergic rhinitis), there was no evidence of an effect of Astelin® Nasal Spray (2 sprays per nostril twice daily for 56 days) on car-

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diac repolarization as represented by the corrected QT in-terval (QTc) of the electrocardiogram. At higher oral expo-sures (=4 mg twice daily), a nonclinically significant mean change in the QTc (3.7 millisecond increase) was observed. Interaction studies investigating the cardiac repolarization effects of concomitantly administered oral azelastine hydro-chloride and erythromycin or ketoconazole were conducted. Oral erythromycin had no effect on azelastine pharmacokinetics or QTc based on analysis of serial electrocardingrams Rettos of vite based of analysis of serial electrocardigrams. Ketoconazole interfered with the measurement of azelastine plasma levels; however, no effects on QTc were observed (see PRECAUTIONS, Drug Interactions).

Clinical Trials

U.S. placebo-controlled clinical trials of Astelin® Nasal Spray included 322 patients with seasonal allergic rhinitis who received two sprays per nostril twice a day for up to 4 weeks. These trials included 55 pediatric patients ages 12 to 16 years. Astelin® Nasal Spray significantly improved a complex of symptoms, which included rhinorrhea, sneezing,

and nasal pruritis.

In dose-ranging trials, Astelin® Nasal Spray administration resulted in a decrease in symptoms, which reached statistical significance from saline placebo within 3 hours after initial dosing and persisted over the 12-hour dosing interval. There were no findings on nasal examination in an 8-week study that suggested any adverse effect of azelastine on the

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Astelin® Nasal Spray is indicated for the treatment of the symptoms of seasonal allergic rhinitis such as rhinorrhea, sneezing, and nasal pruritus in adults and children 12 years and olde

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Astelin® Nasal Spray is contraindicated in patients with a known hypersensitivity to azelastine hydrochloride or any of its components.

PRECAUTIONS

Activities Requiring Mental Alertness: In clinical trials, the occurrence of somnolence has been reported in some pa-tients taking Astelin® Nasal Spray; due caution should therefore be exercised when driving a car or operating potentially dangerous machinery. Concurrent use of Astelin® Nasal Spray with alcohol or other CNS depressants should be avoided because additional reductions in alertness and additional impairment of CNS performance may occur.

additional impairment of CNS performance may occur. Information for Patients: Patients should be instructed to use Astelin® Nasal Spray only as prescribed. For the proper use of the nasal spray and to attain maximum improvement, the patient should read and follow carefully the accompanying patient instructions. Patients should be instructed to prime the delivery system before initial use and after storage for 3 or more days (see PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE). Patients should also be instructed to store the bottle upright at room temperature with the pump tightly closed and out of the reach of children. In case of

store the bottle upright at room temperature with the pump tightly closed and out of the reach of children. In case of accidental ingestion by a young child, seek professional assistance or contact a poison control center immediately. Patients should be advised against the concurrent use of Astelin® Nasal Spray with other antihistamines without consulting a physician. Patients who are, or may become, pregnant should be told that this product should be used in pregnancy or during lactation only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risks to the fetus or nursing infant. Patients should be advised to assess their individual responses to Astelin® Nasal Spray before engaging in any activity requiring mental alertness, such as driving a car or sponses to Astelines (Nasal Spray octore engaging in any activity requiring mental alertness, such as driving a car or operating machinery. Patients should be advised that the concurrent use of Astelin® Nasal Spray with alcohol or other CNS depressants may lead to additional reductions in alertness and impairment of CNS performance and should be avoided (see Drug Interactions).

Drug Interactions: Concurrent use of Astelin® Nasal Spray with alcohol or other CNS depressants should be avoided because additional reductions in alertness and ad-

ditional impairment of CNS performance may occur. Cimetidine (400 mg twice daily) increased the mean Cmax and AUC of orally administered azelastine hydrochloride (4 mg twice daily) by approximately 65%. Ranitidine hydro-chloride (150 mg twice daily) had no effect on azelastine pharmacokinetics.

Interaction studies investigating the cardiac effects, as me Interaction studies investigating the cardiac effects, as mea-sured by the corrected QT interval (QTb.) of concomitantly administered oral azelastine hydrochloride and erythromyc-cin or ketoconazole were conducted. Oral erythromycin (500 mg three times daily for seven days) had no effect on azelas-tine pharmacokinetics or QTb based on analyses of serial electrocardiograms. Ketoconazole (200 mg twice daily for seven days) interfered with the measurement of azelastine plasma concontrations; because a section OTIO plasma concentrations; however, no effects on QTc were ob

significant pharmacokinetic interaction was observed with the coadministration of an oral 4 mg dose of azelastine hydrochloride twice daily and theophylline 300 mg or 400

Geriatric Use: U.S. placebo-controlled clinical trials in Geriatric Use: U.S. placebo-controlled clinical trials in-cluded 11 patients above the age of 60 years who were treated with Astelin® Nasal Spray. While this number is very small and no substantial conclusions can be drawn, the adverse events in this group were similar to patients under

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Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: Carcinogenicity studies in rats and mice with oral azelas-tine hydrochloride for 24 months at doses up to 30 mg/kg/ day and 25 mg/kg/day, respectively (240 and 100 times the maximum recommended human daily intranasal dose on a mg/m^2 basis), revealed no evidence of carcinogenicity. Azelastine hydrochloride showed no genotoxic effects in the

Ames test, DNA repair test, mouse lymphoma forward muration assay, mouse micronucleus test, or chromosomal aberration test in rat bone marrow.

Reproduction and fertility studies in rats showed no effects

on male or female fertility at oral doses of up to 30 mg/kg/day (240 times the maximum recommended human daily intranasal dose on a mg/m² basis). At 68.6 mg/kg/day (550 times the maximum recommended human daily intranasal dose on a mg/m² basis), the duration of estrous cycles was prolonged and copulatory activity and the number of preg-nancies were decreased. The numbers of corpora lutea and implantations were decreased; however, the implantation ratio was not affected.

Pregnancy Category C: Azelastine hydrochloride has been shown to be embryotoxic, fetotoxic, and teratogenic (external and skeletal abnormalities) in mice at an oral dose of 68.6 mg/kg/day (280 times the maximum recommended hu-

man daily intranasal dose on a mg/m^2 basis). At an oral dose of 30 mg/kg/day (240 times the maximum recommended human daily intranasal dose on a mg/m^2 ba-sis), delayed ossification (undeveloped metacarpus), and the incidence of 14th rib were increased in rats. At 68.6 mg/kg/day (550 times the maximum recommended human daily intranasal dose on a mg/m² basis) azelastine hydrochloride caused abortion and fetotoxic effects in rats.

The relevance to humans of these skeletal findings noted at only high drug exposure levels is unknown. There are no adequate and well-controlled clinical studies

in pregnant women. Asteline Nasal Spray should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Nursing Mothers: It is not known whether azelastine hy-

drochloride is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when Astelin® Nasal Spray is administered to a nursing

Pediatric Use: Safety and efficacy of Astelin® Nasal Spray in pediatric patients below the age of 12 years have not been established

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adverse experience information for Astelin® Nasal Spray is derived from six well-controlled, 2-day to 8-week clinical studies which included 391 patients who received Astelin® Nasal Spray at a dose of 2 sprays per nostril twice daily. In placebo-controlled efficacy trials, the incidence of discontinuation due to adverse reactions in patients receiving As-telin® Nasal Spray was not significantly different from ve-hicle placebo (2.2% vs. 2.5%, respectively). In these clinical studies, adverse events that occurred sta-

In these clinical studies, adverse events that occurred statistically significantly more often in patients treated with Astelin® Nasal Spray versus vehicle placebo included bitter taste (19.7% vs 0.6%), somnolence (11.5% vs 5.4%), weight increase (2.0% vs 0%), and myalgia (1.5% vs 0%). The following adverse events were reported with frequencies ≥2% in the Astelin® Nasal Spray treatment group and more frequently than placebo in short-term (≤2 days) and lorns term (≥3 wards) clinical trials.

long-term (2-8 weeks) clinical trials.

ADVERSE EVENT	Astelin® Nasal Spray n=391	Vehicle Placebo n=353
Bitter Taste*	19.7	0.6
Headache Headache	14.8	12.7
Somnolence*	11.5	5.4
Nasal Burning	4.1	1.7
Pharyngitis	3.8	2.8
Dry Mouth	2.8	1.7
Paroxysmal Sneezing	3.1	CHARD
Nausea	2.8	1.1
Rhinitis	2.3	1.4
Fatigue	2.3	1.4
Dizziness	2.0	1.4
Epistaxis	2.0	1.4
Weight Increase*	2.0	0.0

*P<0.05, Fisher's Exact Test (two-tailed)

The following events were observed infrequently (<2% and exceeding placebo incidence) in patients who received Astelin® Nasal Spray (2 sprays/nostril twice daily) in U.S. clinical trials

Cardiovascular: flushing, hypertension, tachycardia.

Dermatological: contact dermatitis, eczema, hair and follicle infection, furunculosis.

Digestive: constipation, gastroenteritis, glossitis, ulcerative stomatitis, vomiting, increased SGPT, aphthous stomatitis. Metabolic and Nutritional: increased appetite.

Musculoskeletal: myalgia, temporomandibular dislocation. Neurological: hyperkinesia, hypoesthesia, vertigo. Psychological: anxiety, depersonalization, depression, nervousness, sleep disorder, thinking abnormal.

Respiratory: bronchospasm, coughing, throat burning,

Special Senses: conjunctivitis, eye abnormality, eye pain,

watery eyes, taste loss.
Urogenital: albuminuria, amenorrhea, breast pain, hematuria, increased urinary frequency.
Whole Body: allergic reaction, back pain, herpes simplex, viral infection, malaise, pain in extremities, abdominal pain.
In controlled trials involving nasal and oral azelastine hydrochloride formulations, there were infrequent occurrences of heastif circumsaminase alevation. The alignical polyanos of of hepatic transaminase elevations. The clinical relevance of these reports has not been established. In addition, the following spontaneous adverse events have

been reported during the marketing of Astelin® Nasal Spray and causal relationship with the drug is unknown anaphylactoid reaction, application site irritation, chest pain, nasal congestion, confusion, diarrhea, dyspnea, facial edema, involuntary muscle contractions, paresthesia, parosmia, pruritus, rash, tolerance, urinary retention, vision abnormal, and xerophthalmia.

OVERDOSAGE

There have been no reported overdosages with Astelin® Nasal Spray. Acute overdosage by adults with this dosage form is unlikely to result in clinically significant adverse events, other than increased somnolence, since one bottle of Astelin® Nasal Spray contains 17 mg of azelastine hydro-chloride. Clinical studies in adults with single doses of the oral formulation of azelastine hydrochloride (up to 16 mg) have not resulted in increased incidence of serious adverse have not resulted in increased incidence of serious adverse events. General supportive measures should be employed if overdosage occurs. There is no known antidote to Astelin® Nasal Spray. Oral ingestion of antihistamines has the po-tential to cause serious adverse effects in young children. Accordingly, Astelin® Nasal Spray should be kept out of the reach of children. Oral doses greater than 120 mg/kg (480 times the maximum recommended human daily intranasal dose on a mg/m² basis) produced significant mortality in mice. Responses seen prior to mortality were tremor, con-vulsions, decreased muscle tone, and salivation. Single doses as high as 10 mg/kg (270 times the maximum recomdoses as high as 10 mg/kg (270 times the maximum recommended human daily intranasal dose on a mg/m² basis) were well tolerated in dogs, but single doses of 20 mg/kg were lethal.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose of Astelin® Nasal Spray in adults and children 12 years and older is two sprays per nostril twice daily. Before initial use, the screw cap on the bottle should be replaced with the pump unit and the delivery sys-tem should be primed with 4 sprays or until a fine mist appears. When 3 or more days have elapsed since the last use, the pump should be reprimed with 2 sprays or until a fine mist appears.

CAUTION: Avoid spraying in the eyes.

Directions for Use: Illustrated patient instructions for proper use accompany each package of Astelin® Nasal

HOW SUPPLIED

Astelin® (azelastine hydrochloride) Nasal Spray 137 mg (NDC 0037-0241-10) is supplied as a package containing total of 200 metered sprays in two high-density polyeth lene (HDPE) bottles fitted with screw caps. A separate me lene (HDPE) bottles fitted with screw caps. A separate metred-dose spray pump unit and a leaflet of patient instructions are also provided. The spray pump unit is packaged a polyethylene wrapper and consists of a nasal spray pump titted with a blue safety clip and a blue plastic dust cove. Each Astelin® (azelastine hydrochloride) Nasal Spray, 130 mcg, bottle contains 17 mg (1 mg/ml) of azelastine hydrochloride to be used with the supplied metered-dose spray pump unit. Each bottle can deliver 100 metered spray pump unit are a mean of 0.137 mL solution containing 137 mg of azelastine hydrochloride.
ATTENTION: The imprinted expiration date applies to be

ATTENTION: The imprinted expiration date applies to the product in the bottles with screw caps. After the spray pump is inserted into the first bottle of the dispensing package, both bottles of product in the list bottle of the dispensing package. both bottles of product should be discarded after 3 months not to exceed the expiration date imprinted on the label. Storage: Store at controlled room temperature 20°-25°C (68°-77°F). Protect from freezing.

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