

FLORINEF



Fludrocortisone acetate

Consumer Product Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Florinef. It does not contain all of the available information.

It does not take the place of talking with your doctor or pharmacist.

If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet with the medicine. You may need to read it again.

What Florinef is used for

Florinef is used as replacement therapy when your adrenal gland is not producing sufficient amounts of a hormone known as a corticosteroid.

Before you take Florinef

When you must not take it

Do not take Florinef if you have an allergy to fludrocortisone acetate or any ingredient listed at the end of this leaflet.

Symptoms of an allergic reaction to Florinef 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

Do not take Florinef if you have a systemic fungal infection (fungal infection in your blood) – your doctor will know if this is the case and you will be receiving treatment.

Before you start to take Florinef

You must tell your doctor if:

- you have tuberculosis
- you have been immunised or vaccinated recently
- you have high blood pressure
- you have glaucoma, or other eye problems or an infection in your eye
- your thyroid gland is not working (hypothyroid)
- you have cirrhosis of the liver
- you have ulcerative colitis
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Using Florinef

Your doctor will have prescribed a dose of Florinef suitable for you.

The usual dose is one tablet each day, but you may be required to take one tablet on alternate days.

Florinef is taken continuously and your doctor will tell you when to stop taking it.

If you think you may have an infection of any kind while you are taking Florinef, you must

see your doctor immediately to ensure adequate treatment.

If you forget a dose

Take it as soon as you remember, and then go back to taking it as you would normally

Overdose

Immediately telephone your doctor or the Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26) or go to your nearest Hospital Emergency Centre, if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much Florinef. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

Side Effects

All medicines can have side effects. Some times they are serious, mostly they are not.

Possible side effects to Florinef are:

Fluid retention due to an abnormal amount of salt in the body, muscle weakness, thinning of skin, poor healing, stomach upsets, headache, dizziness, menstrual irregularities in women, eye problems, and masking of infections.

This is not a complete list of all possible side effects, so please tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while taking Florinef.

After using Florinef

Storage: Keep Florinef in a refrigerator where the temperature is 2 - 8 degrees Celsius.

Keep all medicines out of the reach of children.

Product description

What Florinef looks like

Florinef tablets are small, round, white, biconvex, scored on one side, with 'SQUIBB' and '429' on the other.

Ingredients

Florinef tablets contain:

Active ingredient: 0.1mg fludrocortisone acetate

Inactive ingredients: lactose, dicalcium phosphate, corn starch, magnesium stearate, talc and sodium benzoate.

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