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Treating inflammation and itching due to certain skin conditions. It may also be used for other conditions as determined by your doctor.

Lidex cream is a topical adrenocortical steroid. It works by reducing skin inflammation (redness, swelling, itching, and irritation) by a way that is not clearly understood.

Do NOT use Lidex cream if:

- you are allergic to any ingredient in Lidex cream

Contact your doctor or health care provider right away if any of these apply to you.

Before using Lidex cream:

Some medical conditions may interact with Lidex cream. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have any medical conditions, especially if any of the following apply to you:

- if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or are breast-feeding
- if you are taking any prescription or nonprescription medicine, herbal preparation, or dietary supplement
- if you have allergies to medicines, foods, or other substances
- if you have any kind of skin infection, cuts, scrapes, or lessened blood flow to your skin
- if you have had a recent vaccination; have measles, tuberculosis, chickenpox, or shingles; or have had a positive tuberculosis test
- if you are taking prednisone or similar medicines

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How to use Lidex cream:

Use Lidex cream as directed by your doctor. Check the label on the medicine for exact dosing instructions.

- Apply a small amount of medicine to the affected area. Gently rub the medicine in until it is evenly distributed. Wash your hands after applying Lidex cream, unless your hands are part of the treated area.
- Do not bandage or cover the treated skin area unless directed by your doctor.
- If you miss a dose of Lidex cream, use it as soon as possible. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular dosing schedule. Do not use 2 doses at once.

Ask your health care provider any questions you may have about how to use Lidex cream.

Important safety information:

- Lidex cream is for external use only. Do not get Lidex cream in your eyes. If contact is made with the eyes, flush them immediately with tap water.
- If Lidex cream is applied to the diaper area, apply a very small amount and do not use tight-fitting diapers or plastic pants.
- Do NOT use more than the recommended dose or use for longer than prescribed without checking with your doctor.
- Talk with your doctor before you receive any vaccine while you are using Lidex cream.
- Do not use Lidex cream for other skin conditions at a later time.
- Corticosteroids may affect growth rate in CHILDREN and teenagers in some cases. They may need regular growth checks while they use Lidex cream.
- PREGNANCY and BREAST-FEEDING: If you become pregnant, contact your doctor. You will need to discuss the benefits and risks of using Lidex cream while you are pregnant. It is not known if Lidex cream is found in breast milk. If you are or will be breast-feeding while you use Lidex cream, check with your doctor. Discuss any possible risks to your baby.

Possible side effects of Lidex cream:

All medicines may cause side effects, but many people have no, or minor, side effects. Check with your doctor if any of these most COMMON side effects persist or become bothersome:

Dryness; itching.

Seek medical attention right away if any of these SEVERE side effects occur:

Severe allergic reactions (rash; hives; itching; difficulty breathing; tightness in the chest; swelling of the mouth, face, lips, or tongue); acne-like rash; burning, cracking, irritation, or peeling not present before you began using Lidex cream; excessive hair growth; inflamed hair follicles; inflammation around the mouth; muscle weakness; thinning, softening, or discoloration of the skin; unusual weight gain, especially in the face.

This is not a complete list of all side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, contact your health care provider. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

To report side effects to the appropriate agency, please read the [Guide to Reporting Problems to FDA](#).

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If OVERDOSE is suspected:

Contact 1-800-222-1222 (the American Association of Poison Control Centers), your local [poison control center](#), or emergency room immediately. Lidex cream may be harmful if swallowed.

Proper storage of Lidex cream:

Store Lidex cream at room temperature, between 68 and 77 degrees F (20 and 25 degrees C). Store away from heat, moisture, and light. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep Lidex cream out of the reach of children and away from pets.

General information:

- If you have any questions about Lidex cream, please talk with your doctor, pharmacist, or other health care provider.
- Lidex cream is to be used only by the patient for whom it is prescribed. Do not share it with other people.
- If your symptoms do not improve or if they become worse, check with your doctor.
- Check with your pharmacist about how to dispose of unused medicine.

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