

Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1% Nasal Spray Xylometazoline hydrochloride

Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.

This medicine is available without a prescription. However, you still need to use Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1% Nasal Spray carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- You must contact a doctor if the symptoms worsen or do not improve after 7 days.
- If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effect not listed in this leaflet. please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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1. What Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1% Nasal Spray is and what it is used for

Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1% Nasal Spray is for application in the nose to give relief from:

- nasal congestion (blocked nose, including colds)
- · perennial and allergic rhinitis (recurring inflammation of the nasal mucous membranes, including hay fever)
- · sinusitis.

Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1% Nasal Spray contains the active ingredient xylometazoline hydrochloride which helps to open up and clear the nasal passages by reducing the excessive nasal secretions and returning the swollen blood vessels to their normal size.

2. Before you use Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1% **Nasal Spray**

DO NOT use the spray if you:

- · are allergic to xylometazoline hydrochloride or any of the other ingredients in the spray (see Section 6)
- have had recent neurosurgery.

Do not use this spray for children under 12 years old.

Take special care

Before using the spray tell your doctor if you:

- · have heart or circulatory disease
- · are pregnant or breast-feeding.

Do not take decongestants for more than 7 days in a row.

Using other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any medicines including those obtained without a prescription.

Pregnancy or breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, consult your doctor before using Otrivine.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

3. How to use Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1% **Nasal Spray**

Dosage:

For Adults and Children over 12 years of age 1 spray in each nostril 2 or 3 times daily.



Administration:

- 1. Clear your nose.
- Lean forward slightly and insert the nozzle into a nostril (see diagram).
- 3. Depress pump and sniff at the same time.
- 4. Repeat for the other nostril.

To avoid possible spread of infection, this pack should only be used by one person. For reasons of hygiene do not use this bottle for more than 28 days after opening it.

Do not exceed the recommended dosage.

If you use more Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1% Nasal Spray than you should, consult your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1%
Nasal Spray can cause side effects, although not
everybody gets them. Local discomfort may be felt
after applying the spray if you have sensitive nasal
passages.

Occasionally the following side effects have been reported:

- · A burning sensation in the nose and throat
- local irritation
- nausea
- headache
- · dryness of the nasal membranes

Palpitations may also occur, especially if you have heart problems.

If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

5. How to store Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1% Nasal Spray

Do not use after the expiry date which is stated on the bottle after "EXP". The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not store above 25 °C.

Do not use this bottle for more than 28 days after opening it.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. Further information

What Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1% Nasal Spray

The **active** ingredient is xylometazoline hydrochloride (0.1% w/v).

The **other** ingredients are Benzalkonium chloride, sodium phosphate, disodium edetate, sodium acid phosphate, sodium chloride, sorbitol, hypromellose and purified water.

What Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1% Nasal Spray looks like and the contents of the pack

Otrivine Allergy Relief 0.1% Nasal Spray is a clear, colourless aqueous solution packed in 10 ml bottles.

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