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REED WARBLER.

Beconase

(beclomethasone dipropionate BP)

NASAL SPRAY

For everyone with hay fever or chronic allergic rhinitis

PRESENTATION AND BASIC NHS COSTS

Beconase Nasal Spray is a metered-dose aerosol delivering 50mcg beclomethasone dipropionate BP per actuation into a special nasal applicator. Each canister provides 200 applications. Basic NHS cost £3.84. PL 0045/0093.

INDICATIONS

The prophylaxis and treatment of perennial and seasonal allergic rhinitis, including hay fever and vasomotor rhinitis.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended maximum dosage is one application into each nostril, four times daily. Not suitable for children under 6 years of age. Full therapeutic benefit requires regular usage and the absence of any immediate effect should be explained to the patient to facilitate compliance with the regular dosage schedule.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS, WARNINGS, ETC.

There are no specific contra-indications but any infections of the nasal passages and paranasal sinuses should receive the appropriate treatment.

Care must be taken while transferring patients from systemic steroid treatment to Beconase if there is any reason to suppose that adrenal function is impaired. Eye symptoms may necessitate additional topical therapy.

Unnecessary administration of drugs during the first trimester of pregnancy is undesirable. No major side effects attributable to Beconase have been reported, but occasionally sneezing attacks have followed immediately after use of the aerosol.

LEGAL CATEGORY

Prescription only medicine.

SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

REED WARBLER

Acrocephalus scirpaceus

The Reed Warbler is a summer visitor, arriving in late April. It lives and breeds in reed beds and marshes, mainly in the more southerly and eastern parts of England. In appearance this warbler is virtually identical with its close relation the Marsh Warbler. The voices, however, are dissimilar. The Reed Warbler is much less musical, issuing a clatter of monotonous "churr's", interspersed with sweeter notes. The food consists of insects, moths and larvae found near water. The male in display raises his chest and fans his tail; he also sings in flight. The nest is a beautiful structure built between reed stems. Constructed from grasses, and lined with reed flowers, wool or hair, the nest is a deep firm cup. 4-5 eggs, greenish-white, mottled with grey or olive, are produced. Both sexes are alike; they reach 5 inches (13 cm) in length.

(Illustration from "A History of British Birds" by F. O. Morris)

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