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# Beconase

(beclomethasone dipropionate BP)  
NASAL SPRAY

For everyone with hay fever or chronic allergic rhinitis

#### PRESENTATION AND BASIC NHS COST

Beconase Nasal Spray is a metered-dose aerosol delivering 50 mcg beclomethasone dipropionate BP per actuation into a special nasal applicator. Each canister provides 200 applications. Basic NHS cost £2.90. 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

#### GREENFINCH

*Carduelis chloris*

This handsome bird is resident throughout Britain. Largely sedentary, there is some southerly movement in autumn, and also some immigration at that time and later in winter. Well adapted to man, the greenfinch is often seen in small flocks on stubble and commonly in gardens, especially when fed at bird tables. The main food is seed although insects may be given to the young. Calls a long 'twec-ee' in the breeding season; at other times the song may repeat this call with intermittent twittering. In courtship the male flies with expanded wings and tail, displaying his bright yellow feathers. Parents build a loose nest of hay, small twigs and grass lined with soft materials. Up to three clutches of 4-6 cream coloured eggs blotched with shades of brown may be produced. In appearance the female is duller than the male. Both sexes reach 6 inches (15 cm) in length.

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

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