Beconase (beclomethasone dipropionate BP), nasal spray: partridge.

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(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 50mcg beclomethasone dipropionate BP per actuation into a special nasal applicator. Each canister provides 200 applications. Basic NHS cost £4·77.

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 six 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.

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SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

PARTRIDGE

Perdix perdix

Present throughout the year in most of Britain, this well-known game bird has suffered some decline in recent times. The partridge is most commonly seen on farmland but it inhabits other open areas including heathland and sand-dunes. It feeds mainly on grain and seeds, taking also buds, flowers and various insects. The call note is a high 'kar-rit', progressing into a rapid grating sound when flushed. Partridges live in family coveys during the summer and autumn, breaking into breeding pairs towards the end of the winter. During courtship male and female chase each other, and are sometimes seen to spring into the air. The nest, well hidden in vegetation, consists of a scrape in the ground. It is lined with leaves and grass. A single clutch of 10-18 olive-brown eggs is produced. The hen is less marked than the cock bird. The partridge attains a length of 12 inches (31 cm).

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

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