

**Becotide (beclomethasone dipropionate BP), inhaler and rotacaps :
turnstone.**

Contributors

Allen & Hanburys

Publication/Creation

London : Allen & Hanburys, 1980.

Persistent URL

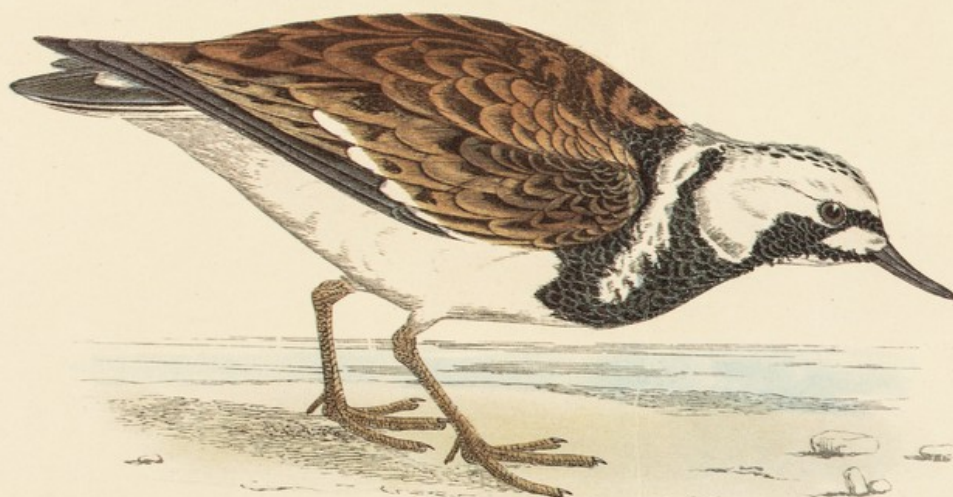
<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/tzd6fr8b>

License and attribution

Conditions of use: it is possible this item is protected by copyright and/or related rights. You are free to use this item in any way that is permitted by the copyright and related rights legislation that applies to your use. For other uses you need to obtain permission from the rights-holder(s).



Wellcome Collection
183 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE UK
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722
E library@wellcomecollection.org
<https://wellcomecollection.org>



TURNSTONE

Becotide

(beclomethasone dipropionate BP)

INHALER and ROTACAPS

Selective topical steroid therapy in bronchial asthma

PRESENTATIONS AND BASIC NHS COSTS

Becotide Inhaler is a metered-dose aerosol delivering 50mcg beclomethasone dipropionate BP per actuation. Each canister contains 200 inhalations. Basic NHS cost £4.77. Becotide Rotacaps 100mcg & 200mcg each contain a mixture of the stated amount of microfine beclomethasone dipropionate BP and larger particle lactose in buff or chocolate-brown/colourless hard gelatine cartridges, respectively. Containers of 100. Basic NHS cost £7.26 & £9.67 respectively. Becotide Rotahaler, for use in conjunction with Becotide Rotacaps. Basic NHS cost 78p.

INDICATIONS

Bronchial asthma, especially in patients whose asthma is not adequately controlled by bronchodilators and patients with severe asthma who would otherwise be dependent on systemic corticosteroids or adreno-corticotrophic hormone (ACTH) or its synthetic equivalent.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Using Becotide Inhaler — Adults: two inhalations three or four times a day is the usual maintenance dose. In severe cases dosage may be started at twelve to sixteen inhalations per day and subsequently reduced when the patient begins to respond.

Children: one or two inhalations, two, three or four times a day according to the response. Using Becotide Rotahaler — Adults: one 200mcg Becotide Rotacap three or four times a day is the usual maintenance dose.

Children: one 100mcg Becotide Rotacap, two, three or four times a day according to the response.

For optimum results inhaled Becotide should be administered regularly.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS

No specific contra-indications to inhaled Becotide are known, but special care is necessary in patients with active or quiescent pulmonary tuberculosis.

PRECAUTIONS

The maximum daily intake of beclomethasone dipropionate BP should not exceed 1mg. Inadequate response after the first week of inhaled Becotide therapy suggests that excessive mucus is preventing penetration of inhaled drug to the target area. A short course of systemic steroid in relatively high dosage should be given and therapy with inhaled Becotide continued. Unnecessary administration of drugs during the first trimester of pregnancy is undesirable. When transferring patients to Becotide from systemic steroid therapy the possibility of adrenocortical suppression should be considered and patients given a supply of oral steroids for use during periods of stress. Please refer to the detailed procedure described in the data sheets for Becotide Inhaler and Becotide Rotacaps.

SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

TURNSTONE

Arenaria interpres

The Turnstone is a winter visitor to our shores, where a few non-breeding birds remain through the year. The name is apt; this bird may be seen turning aside pebbles, seaweed, shells or objects on the beach in search of sandhoppers, crustaceans, worms and various insects. It is often seen in company with the Purple Sandpiper. The Turnstone utters a trilling note; when flushed a 'keew-keew' cry is made. The species returns to the Arctic in the summer to breed. The display of the male is unobtrusive but he chases intruders, returning with a flickering flight. He also builds false scrapes. The female lays 4 eggs, coloured green and marked with brown. The chicks are supported by both parents. Male and female are alike in appearance with a brighter plumage in summer. They reach a length of 9 inches (23 cm).

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

SIDE EFFECTS

Occasional candidiasis of the mouth and throat (thrush) occurs in some patients, particularly those with high blood levels of Candida precipitins. Topical therapy with antifungal agents usually clears the condition without withdrawal of Becotide.

LEGAL CATEGORY

POM

PRODUCT LICENCE NUMBERS

Becotide Inhaler 0045/0089; Becotide Rotacaps 100mcg 0045/0119; Becotide Rotacaps 200mcg 0045/0120.

HC8101/Gp-
RML/Aug 1980

Full prescribing information is available on request.
Becotide, Rotacap and Rotahaler are trade marks of
ALLEN & HANBURY LTD, LONDON E2 6LA

