

Information leaflet for Dialysis Patients



Ametop Gel (Tetracaine 4% Gel) – local anaesthetic

Important note: The following information is intended to add to, not replace, the knowledge and judgment of your doctor, pharmacist or other health care professional.

The name of your medication is:

AMETOP GEL – Tetracaine 4% Gel

When to use this medication

AMETOP Gel is a local anaesthetic which numbs the skin

AMETOP Gel is used: To create a temporary loss of feeling or numbness of the skin before putting a needle into your fistula

How to apply Ametop?

Apply Ametop to the sites to be needled 30 to 45 minutes prior to presenting for dialysis

- To open the tube, remove the cap and invert it to pierce the seal of the tube
- Squeeze 1.5cm of the gel on to the site or sites to be used for needle access
- Do not rub the gel into the skin
- Cover the gel with an occlusive dressing, it must be covered in order for it to work
- Ametop should not be left on for more than an hour
- Each tube is intended for use on a single occasion, any Ametop remaining in the tube should be discarded after opening

Side Effects

Unfortunately as well as having good effects, most medicines have some effects on your body that are unwanted. These are called *side effects*.

Flushing, redness, swelling or itching of the skin in the treated area may occur

If blistering of the skin at the site of application occurs, remove the gel from the skin immediately and inform your doctor or nurse.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any side effect is of a concern to you

Storage: Ametop should be stored in the refrigerator – Do not freeze. Keep all medicines out of reach of children.