

ORINSE Mouthwash

Composition

ORINSE Mouthwash contains:

Chlorhexidine Gluconate 0.2% w/v
(Equivalent to 1% v/v Chlorhexidine Gluconate Solution BP)

Indications

ORINSE Mouthwash is an antibacterial solution, which inhibits the formation of dental plaque. It is indicated as an aid in the treatment and prevention of gingivitis, and in the maintenance of oral hygiene, particularly in situations where tooth brushing cannot be adequately employed (e.g. following oral surgery or in mentally or physically-handicapped patients).

ORINSE Mouthwash may also be used in a post-periodontal surgery regimen to promote gingival healing.

ORINSE Mouthwash is useful in the management of aphthous ulceration and oral candidal infections, (e.g. Denture stomatitis and oral thrush).

Dosage and administration

Thoroughly rinse the mouth for about one minute with 10 ml of **ORINSE Mouthwash**, twice daily.

In cases of dental surgery, the patient should be instructed to rinse the mouth with 10 ml for one minute prior to surgery.

ORINSE Mouthwash is incompatible with anionic agents, which are usually present in conventional dentifrices. These should therefore be used before **ORINSE Mouthwash** (rinsing the mouth between applications) or at a different time of day.

For the treatment of gingivitis, a course of about a month is advisable although some variation in response is to be expected.

In the case of aphthous ulceration and oral candidal infections, treatment should be continued for 48 hours after clinical resolution.

For the treatment of denture stomatitis, the dentures should be cleansed and soaked in **ORINSE Mouthwash** for 15 minutes twice daily.

Contra-indications

ORINSE Mouthwash is contra-indicated for patients who have previously shown a hypersensitivity reaction to chlorhexidine. However, such reactions are extremely rare.

Precautions

- For oral use only.
- Keep out of reach of children.
- Avoid contact with eyes.

Side-effects

Irritative skin reactions to chlorhexidine preparations can occasionally occur. Generalized allergic reactions to chlorhexidine have also been reported but are extremely rare.

A superficial discolouration of the dorsum of the tongue may occur, this disappears after treatment is discontinued. Discolouration of the teeth and silicate or composite restorations, may also occur. This stain is not permanent and can largely be prevented by brushing with conventional toothpaste daily before using the mouthwash, or in the case of dentures, cleaning with a conventional denture cleanser. However, in certain cases, scaling and polishing may be required to remove this stain completely. Similarly where normal tooth-brushing is not possible, as for example with intermaxillary fixation, or with extensive orthodontic appliances, scaling and polishing may be required once the underlying condition has resolved.

Transient disturbances of taste sensation and a burning sensation of the tongue may occur on initial use of the mouthwash. These effects usually diminish with continued use.

In cases where oral desquamation occurs, dilution of the mouthwash (5 ml mouthwash with 5 ml water freshly mixed) and instructions to rinse less vigorously will often allow continued use of the mouthwash.

Very occasionally, swelling of the parotid glands during use of chlorhexidine mouthwash has been reported. In all cases spontaneous resolution has occurred on discontinuing treatment.

Overdosage

This has not been reported.

Chlorhexidine taken orally is poorly absorbed. Systemic effects are unlikely even if large volumes are ingested. However, gastric lavage may be advisable using milk, gelatin or mild soap. Employ supportive measures as appropriate.

Presentation

ORINSE Mouthwash is available in PET bottle of 100ml.