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Client Information Leaflet

Keep this leaflet safe, as you may need to refer to it again. Please ask your vet if you have any further questions.
This medicine has been prescribed for your horse ONLY. Do not take it yourself or give it to another person or any other animal; it may harm them even if their symptoms appear to be the same and could result in inadvertent contravention of Horse Passport legislation.

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Mitomycin (Eyedrops or Ointment)

This medicine is not licensed as a veterinary medicine for use in the horse or donkey. Although it is not licensed for use in horses it is being used under the prescribing cascade.

What is mitomycin?
Mitomycin is an anti-cancer treatment that is used as a cream or an eye-drop to treat skin or eye cancers.

Why has my horse been prescribed mitomycin?
Mitomycin has been prescribed by your veterinary surgeon to treat (or prevent recurrence of) cancerous lesions of the skin (such as sarcoids) or the eye or eyelid (such as squamous cell carcinoma). It is often used alongside other treatments such as surgical removal.

How is this medicine administered? This medicine is applied regularly to affected areas of the skin or into the eye. Always use disposable gloves to handle and apply the medication.

Can my horse have mitomycin along with other medicines?
Tell your vet if you are giving your horse any other medicines. There are unlikely to be incompatibilities, but you should always check with your veterinary surgeon.

What should I do if I run out of mitomycin? Contact your veterinary surgeon (preferably before you run out of the medication) to check if further treatments are required.

If my horse is not improving what should I do?
Contact your veterinary surgeon who will review whether this is still the correct medication for your horse.

What are the possible side-effects of using mitomycin in my horse? The drug is potentially toxic and can cause soreness. If you are concerned you should speak to your veterinary surgeon.

What should I do if a person accidentally takes this medicine? If a person accidentally takes this medicine, you should contact NHS direct (telephone 111) or take the person to a local hospital taking this leaflet and the medication with you.

How should I store and handle mitomycin? The medication should be kept out of the reach of children and should be kept cool, dark, and dry. Always use gloves to handle or apply this medication.

What should I do if I accidentally overdose my horse? If you apply too much cream or ointment, then it is unlikely to cause any harm. Excess applied to the skin can be removed wearing gloves. If you have concerns, then contact your veterinary surgeon.

What should I do if I miss a dose? Just restart the medicine and make a note so that you can inform your veterinary surgeon of any missed doses when they re-evaluate your horse.

If my horse is better, what should I do with the remaining medicine? Do not discontinue treatment early without discussion with your veterinary surgeon. If you have excess medicine, then please contact your veterinary surgeon who can arrange for it to be disposed of appropriately.

What do I need to record in my horse's passport?
You should record the use of this medication in your horse's passport or sign section IX to permanently exclude the horse from the human food chain.

The prescribing cascade: This medicine is authorised for use in human patients or other animal species and is used by vets under the 'prescribing cascade'. Your vet can explain this in further detail and explain why they are prescribing this drug for your horse. If you do not agree to the use of this medicine in your horse you should discuss this before administration.