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BUDESONIDE

(Brand Name: Entocort)

STRENGTH: 3 mg and 9 mg Capsules

This medication is commonly compounded into smaller strengths or into oral liquid.

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: ORAL

May be given with or without food. Do not crush or open capsules.

ACTION OF MEDICATION: Corticosteroid designed to treat intestinal disease without entering the body and causing corticosteroid side effects (essentially a topical salve for the inflamed intestine).

MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: Side effects are not common.

SEVERE SIDE EFFECTS REPORTED: If too much budesonide is absorbed into the body, corticosteroid side effects will be seen. In dogs this would mostly involve excessive thirst, excessive urination, increased appetite, and panting. Poor hair coat may develop with long term use. In the cat, side effects may be less apparent but also include poor coat, listlessness, pot-belly.

STORAGE: Keep away from light and store at room temperature. Do not refrigerate. If a compounded product is used, store according to pharmacy instructions.

IF YOU MISS A DOSE: Do not double up on the next dose. Simply give the medication when it is remembered or pick up with the next dose, allowing at least the proper interval between doses according to the label instructions.

OTHER INFORMATION: Medications that can interfere with the body's de-activation of budesonide include: erythromycin, ketoconazole, itraconazole, fluconazole and diltiazem. Concurrent use of budesonide with these medications could lead to absorption of the steroid into the body. If using budesonide with an antacid, stagger administration of these medicines by a couple of hours.

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