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ERFA HQ* 4% GEL

4% Hydroquinone gel USP

30 g

Indications: To lighten hyperpigmented skin, fade skin discolorations and lighten freckles and age spots.

Directions: Adults: Apply sparingly to affected areas 1-2 times daily or as directed by a physician.

Non-medicinal ingredients: Ethanol, glycolic acid, propylene glycol, polyquaternium-10, concentrated ammonia solution, anhydrous citric acid, sodium metabisulphite, sodium sulphite, edetate disodium, butylated hydroxytoluene, purified water. **Warnings:** For external use only. Avoid contact with eyes, mucous membranes and broken or irritated skin. In case of contact, rinse thoroughly with water. Use only as directed. Do not apply over sunburn or irritated skin. A mild transient stinging or minor redness may occur in people with sensitive skin. To test for sensitivity, before treatment, apply to an area of approximately 1 cm of unbroken skin on the inside of the arm. If no irritation occurs within 24 hours, begin treatment for up to 12 weeks. Discontinue use in case of irritation, rash, excessive inflammatory response or if a gradual blue-black darkening of the skin (exogenous ochronosis) occurs. Minor redness is acceptable, but where there is an excessive irritation, a rash or other reaction, further treatment is not recommended. Severe itching or reddening may occur, in which case the product should be discontinued and the physician notified immediately. The safety of topical hydroquinone use during pregnancy or for children has not been established. Do not use this product if you have used it or any of its ingredients before and skin sensitivity or irritation has occurred. Do not use this product if you are nursing, pregnant or if you intend to become pregnant within the next 3 months. Do not use this product if you have a family history or, have or have had or are at risk of developing cancer. Hydroquinone is a skin bleaching agent which may produce unwanted cosmetic effects if not used as directed. The physician should be familiar with the contents of this insert before prescribing or dispensing this product. Close patient supervision is recommended. A bitter taste and anesthetic effect may occur if applied to lips. Sunscreen use is an essential aspect of hydroquinone therapy because even a minimal sunlight exposure may cause skin re-darkening. Treatment should be limited to relatively small areas of the body at one time. This product contains glycolic acid and citric acid, which are alpha-hydroxy acids (AHAs) which may increase skin's sensitivity to the sun and particularly the possibility of sunburn. It is recommended that prior to exposure to the sun, users cover areas where AHAs have been applied with sunscreen. Contact of the product with the skin must be of limited frequency or duration. Contains sodium metabisulphite, a sulphite which may cause serious allergic type reaction (e.g. hives, itching, wheezing, anaphylaxis, severe asthma attacks) in certain susceptible persons. **Note:** Slight darkening of the product is normal when exposed to air and does not affect its potency. When this happens, extract a tiny amount of the product, clean with a cotton swab and discard prior to use. If the entire content becomes brown, discontinue use and consult a physician. Store at room temperature. Keep out of reach of children.

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