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“Magic Mouthwash”, “Pink Lady” (and other combinations)

What is Magic Mouthwash (or other combination) used for?

These specialty mouthwashes are typically used to relieve painful mouth sores caused by chemotherapy or radiation, and to prevent infections of these sores. Other mixtures are used to relieve mouth/throat pain and discomfort. They may contain an antibiotic, antifungal, anti-inflammatory, pain reliever, antacid, or a combination of these.

How should I use this medication?

The instructions are different depending on the mixture. Often you will be instructed to ‘swish and spit’ the medication. In this case, put the measured liquid in your mouth and swish it around for at least 1 to 2 minutes (or as directed). Try to make contact with as much surface area of the mouth as possible, and then spit it out. You may alternatively be instructed to swallow the medication. The longer the contact time, the more effective the medication will likely be. It is recommended not to eat or drink anything for at least 30 minutes after using this medication.

What if I miss a dose?

This medication is often taken as needed, so missed doses aren't typically an issue. If you are using it at regular intervals and you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is close to when you would take your next dose, then you can skip the missed dose and just continue on your regular schedule. If you are unsure, please contact the pharmacy.

What side effects may I notice from using this mouthwash?

This medication is usually well-tolerated; however there may be a stinging sensation if there are open sores in the mouth. Some people may also experience taste disturbances. Less common side effects such as drowsiness, dizziness, increased heart rate, nausea, or constipation may occur if the medication is swallowed.

A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, seek immediate medical attention if you notice any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including: rash, itching/swelling (especially of the face/tongue/throat), severe dizziness, or trouble breathing.

Precautions

- **Shake the bottle well** before measuring to ensure you get the right amount of medication.
- Do not eat or drink anything for at least 30 minutes after using.
- If the medication contains lidocaine or tetracaine, it can temporarily numb the mouth and throat – be very careful when eating (especially with hot or cold foods) and swallowing.

Storage

This medication is often stored in the refrigerator until the labelled expiration date. Please check the labels on the bottle for proper storage requirements.