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## **Fluticasone propionate 400 microgram (Flixonase Nasule 400 microgram/unit dose nasal drops) used as a mouthwash**

### **What are the aims of this leaflet?**

This leaflet has been written to help you understand more about Flixonase Nasule drops and how they are used as a mouthwash.

### **What are Flixonase Nasule drops and why have I been prescribed them?**

Flixonase Nasule drops contain a medicine called Fluticasone propionate. This belongs to a group of medicines called corticosteroids ('steroids'). Steroids work by reducing inflammation, swelling and irritation. Flixonase Nasules used as a mouthwash may help reduce inflammation and pain in your mouth and speed up the healing process.

### **What mouth conditions are treated with Flixonase Nasules as a mouthwash?**

Flixonase Nasule drops can be used for the treatment of mouth conditions that cause soreness such as mouth ulcers and oral lichen planus. They are commonly prescribed by many of the oral medicine departments in the UK/Ireland.

### **How do I use Flixonase Nasule drops?**

The nasules are plastic caplets containing clear liquid.

1. Open 1 plastic caplet and place the liquid contents in 10-20mls of water (two to four teaspoons) to make up a mouthwash.
2. Swirl the mouthwash around your mouth for 5 minutes before spitting out. Do not swallow the contents.



### **How often and at what time of the day should I use Flixonase Nasule drops?**

1. Use up to a maximum of 4 times per day, ideally after mealtimes and after you have brushed your teeth last thing at night.
2. Do not eat or drink for at least 30 minutes.

### **What are the potential risks and side effects of Flixonase Nasule drops when used as a mouthwash?**

When used correctly this medicine rarely causes side effects. However, as with all medicines, some patients experience side effects. Burning or stinging is quite common in the first few days of treatment. This usually clears up. Some people occasionally develop thrush in their mouth and find that their mouth becomes sore. If this happens, a course of antifungal treatment will clear the thrush.

For further information about the potential risks and side effects, please read the information leaflet supplied by the manufacturer within the box. Alternatively, please contact the Oral Medicine Department \_\_\_\_\_.

The department is open Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

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