

- **UNLICENSED USE** Licensed for use in children (age range not specified by manufacturer).
- **CONTRA-INDICATIONS** Deep wounds · large wounds
- **CAUTIONS** Avoid on eyes · avoid on healthy skin · incompatible with products containing iodine or potassium permanganate
- **PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** The BP directs that when hydrogen peroxide is prescribed, hydrogen peroxide solution 6% (20 vols) should be dispensed.  
Strong solutions of hydrogen peroxide which contain 27% (90 vols) and 30% (100 vols) are only for the preparation of weaker solutions.
- **CRYSTACIDE®** For choice of therapy, see Skin infections, antibacterial therapy p. 329.
- **HANDLING AND STORAGE** Hydrogen peroxide bleaches fabric.
- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug. Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: liquid

**Cream**

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Edetic acid (edta), propylene glycol

▶ **Crystacide** (Reig Jofre UK Ltd)**Hydrogen peroxide 10 mg per 1 gram** Crystacide 1% cream | 25 gram [P] £8.07 DT = £8.07 | 40 gram [P] £11.62**Proflavine**● **INDICATIONS AND DOSE****Infected wounds | Infected burns**

▶ TO THE SKIN

▶ Child: (consult product literature)

- **PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE** Stains clothing.

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: liquid

**Irrigation solutions**● **IRRIGATION SOLUTIONS****Flowfusor sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 120ml bottles** (Fresenius Kabi Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 1 bottle · NHS indicative price = £1.71 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Irriclen sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution aerosol spray** (ConvaTec Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 240 ml · NHS indicative price = £3.64 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Normasol sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 100ml sachets** (Molnlycke Health Care Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 10 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £8.06 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Normasol sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 25ml sachets** (Molnlycke Health Care Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 25 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £6.53 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 20ml Clinipod unit dose** (Mayors Healthcare Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 25 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £4.80 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 20ml ISO-POD unit dose** (St Georges Medical Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 25 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £4.95 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 20ml Iripod unit dose** (C D Medical Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 25 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £5.90 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 20ml Sal-e Pods unit dose** (Ennogen Healthcare Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 25 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £4.80 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 20ml Salipod unit dose** (Sai-Meds Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 25 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £4.99 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 20ml Steripod unit dose** (Molnlycke Health Care Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 25 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £5.00 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 20ml Sterowash unit dose** (Steroplast Healthcare Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 25 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £5.40 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 20ml unit dose** (Alissa Healthcare Research Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 25 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £7.36 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 20ml unit dose** (Bell, Sons & Co (Druggists) Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 25 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £6.76 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 20ml unit dose** (Crest Medical Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 25 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £4.99 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution 20ml unit dose** (Mylan) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 25 unit dose · NHS indicative price = £5.50 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**Stericlen sodium chloride 0.9% irrigation solution aerosol spray** (C D Medical Ltd) **Sodium chloride 9 mg per 1 ml** 100 ml · NHS indicative price = £2.07 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa) 240 ml · NHS indicative price = £3.15 · Drug Tariff (Part IXa)**8.1 Minor cuts and abrasions****Minor cuts and abrasions****Management**

Many preparations traditionally used to manage minor burns, and abrasions have fallen out of favour. Preparations containing camphor and sulfonamides should be avoided. Preparations such as magnesium sulfate paste are now rarely used to treat carbuncles and boils as these are best treated with antibiotics.

Cetrimide is used to treat minor cuts and abrasions and proflavine above may be used to treat infected wounds or burns, but its use has now been largely superseded by other antiseptics or suitable antibacterials. The effervescent effect of hydrogen peroxide p. 814 is used to clean minor cuts and abrasions.

Flexible collodion (see castor oil with collodion and colophony below) may be used to seal minor cuts and wounds that have partially healed; skin tissue adhesives are used similarly, and also for additional suture support.

**DERMATOLOGICAL DRUGS > COLLODIONS****Castor oil with collodion and colophony**● **INDICATIONS AND DOSE****Used to seal minor cuts and wounds that have partially healed**

▶ TO THE SKIN

▶ Child: (consult product literature)

- **ALLERGY AND CROSS-SENSITIVITY** Contra-indicated if patient has an allergy to colophony in elastic adhesive plasters and tape.

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug.

**Flexible collodion**▶ **Castor oil with collodion and colophony (Non-proprietary)****Castor oil 25 mg per 1 ml, Colophony 25 mg per 1 ml, Collodion methylated 950 microlitre per 1 ml** Flexible collodion methylated | 100 ml £13.81-£14.37 | 500 ml £29.91