

Dihydroergotamine Nasal Spray (DHE)

Medication:

This medication contains dihydroergotamine.

Uses:

DHE is commonly used for various types of headaches (migraine and cluster). Other uses may include: adjunct for DVT prophylaxis for hip surgery, orthostatic hypotension, dry mouth caused by antidepressant use, and pelvic congestion with pain.

Directions:

This medication should be kept in the original container and stored in a dark cool area. The product should be discarded if it becomes cloudy or discolored. Discard unused portion if it loses its effectiveness. Use this medication as directed by your prescriber as to the number of sprays to use, frequency of use and length of treatment. Do not exceed the maximum dose recommended by your prescriber.

Directions for Use of Sprayer:

Nasal spray must be primed (usually pumped 4 times) prior to use. For adequate absorption, patients should not inhale deeply through the nose while spraying or immediately after spraying. For best results, treatment should be started at the first sign of an attack, but can be used at any stage of a migraine attack.

Side Effects:

This product may cause rhinitis and/or nausea.

Precautions:

Not for prolonged use, unless otherwise indicated by your doctor. Allow your doctor to assess if you have any risk factors for CAD (coronary artery disease) and/or cardiovascular disease. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

Missed Dose:

This medication is taken only as needed.

Storage:

Store at room temperature (at or below 77°F), do not refrigerate or freeze.