**Composition**

B.I.P. Paste is a bright yellow paste of bismuth subnitrate 250mg/g, iodoform 500mg/g, liquid paraffin 100mg/g and white soft paraffin 150mg/g.

**Use**

B.I.P. Paste is indicated for packing cavities after ear, nose and throat surgery.

**Contraindications**

B.I.P. Paste is contra-indicated in individuals with a history of hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients in this formulation. It is also contraindicated in individuals with known hypersensitivity to iodine.

**Directions for use**

The entire tube contents of B.I.P. Paste is to be emptied into a dressing pack tray and mixed thoroughly before applying to sterile gauze ready for use into the cavity.

**Precautions**

B.I.P. Paste is for external use only. Can be used on ear, nose and throat cavities.

B.I.P. Paste may cause redness and stinging of the eyes. Contact with the eyes should therefore be avoided. If contact with the eyes occurs, remove contact lenses if worn, hold eyes open and flush with running water for at least 15 minutes.

Prolonged use or extensive application of B.I.P. Paste may give rise to iodoform absorption and poisoning. B.I.P. Paste should be used with caution in patients suffering from hyperthyroidism.

Prolonged use or extensive application of B.I.P. Paste may also result in encephalopathy or renal failure as a result of bismuth absorption.

Bismuth levels in the body may remain elevated for some weeks in patients with renal impairment. Use of bismuth compounds is not recommended in patients with moderate to severe renal impairment.

**Pregnancy and lactation**

The safety of B.I.P. Paste during pregnancy has not been established. It should not be used during pregnancy unless the benefits outweigh the potential risks. Caution is recommended as sufficient iodine may be absorbed to affect foetal thyroid development and function.

The safety of B.I.P. Paste during lactation has not been established.

Iodine is excreted into the breast milk and may affect infant thyroid function. Topical preparations containing iodine should therefore not be used during lactation.

Bismuth is also excreted in breast milk, but it is not known if it is harmful to the newborn infant.

**Use in Children:**

The safety and efficacy of B.I.P. Paste in paediatric patients has not been established.
Interactions with Other Drugs:
No data exists concerning potential interactions of bismuth and iodoform paste with other drugs.

Effects of laboratory tests: Use of B.I.P. Paste causes artefacts on X-rays because the bismuth component is radio-opaque.

Adverse Reactions

Neurological: Rare: encephalopathy, confusion, ataxia, myoclonus, delirium, coma, personality change, facial palsy and insomnia.

Musculoskeletal: Rare: bone and joint pain.

Renal: Rare: acute renal failure

Hepatobiliary: Rare: liver damage.


Skin: Common: contact allergy. The risk of allergic reactions is higher in patients previously exposed to B.I.P. Paste.

Eyes: Common: redness and stinging if contact occurs.

General: Common: pain at application site.

Liquid Paraffin may be slightly absorbed from cavities giving rise to granulomatous reactions. Prolonged use on cavities should be avoided.

Adverse effects to white soft paraffin found in the paste are rare when used in topical preparations, but sensitivity reactions and acne have been reported following topical use.

Storage
Store below 25°C. Protect from light.

Scheduling
Classified as Schedule 4 (Prescription Only Medicine) by The Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

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