Bismuth Subnitrate, Iodoform and Paraffin Paste Impregnated Gauze (B.I.P.P. Gauze)

Indications
B.I.P.P. Gauze is indicated for packing cavities after ear, nose and throat surgery. Not recommended for open wounds.

B.I.P.P. Gauze is ribbon gauze impregnated with a bright yellow paste of bismuth subnitrate 250mg/g, iodoform 500mg/g and liquid paraffin 250mg/g.

Directions for use
Pack B.I.P.P. Gauze into the cavity. Leave in place until the wound has healed or graft taken. Single patient use only. For full instructions refer to B.I.P.P. Gauze User Guide.

Features and benefits
• Astringent action
• Assists healing

Precautions
Contra-indications: B.I.P.P. Gauze 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.

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• B.I.P.P. Gauze is for external use only.
• B.I.P.P. Gauze 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.P. Gauze may give rise to iodoform absorption and poisoning. B.I.P.P. Gauze should be used with caution in patients suffering from hyperthyroidism.

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- Prolonged use or extensive application of B.I.P.P. Gauze 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.P. Gauze 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.P. Gauze 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.P. Gauze 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 on Laboratory Tests:**
  Use of B.I.P. causes artefacts on X-rays because the bismuth component is radio-opaque.

**Adverse Reactions:**

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

**Eyes:** Common: redness and stinging if contact occurs.

**General:** Common: pain at application site.

See full PI for complete list of adverse reactions.

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**PBS Information:** This product is not listed on the PBS

Please review full Product Information (PI) before recommending. The full PI is available from Perrigo Australia upon request (Australia FREECALL: 1800 805 546)

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