

# Bismuth Subnitrate, Iodoform and Paraffin Paste

*B.I.P. Paste (Tube)*

## Consumer Medicine Information

### What is in this leaflet?

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start using any B.I.P. Paste

This leaflet answers some common questions about B.I.P. Paste. It does not contain all the available information.

It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you using B.I.P. Paste against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

If you have any concerns about this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet even after your procedure. You may wish to read it again later.

### What is B.I.P. Paste used for?

B.I.P. Paste contains two active ingredients, bismuth subnitrate and iodoform. It is used to pack cavities following a number of ear, nose and throat procedures where it is believed to act as an antiseptic and astringent.

Antiseptic agents are used to clean wounds and help to prevent infection. Astringents cause a shrinking in body tissues and have a drying effect.

B.I.P. Paste is applied and then covered with a dressing.

Your doctor may have prescribed B.I.P. Paste for another use. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why B.I.P. Paste is being used for you.

B.I.P. Paste is only available with a doctor's prescription.

B.I.P. Paste is not recommended for children as there is not enough information on their use in that age group.

### When B.I.P. Paste should not be used

#### Do not use if:

B.I.P. Paste should not be used in people who have an allergy to:

- Any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet (See "Ingredients").
- Iodine.

#### Tell your doctor if:

You must tell your doctor if:

- You have had an allergic reaction to any of the ingredients listed in the section labelled "Ingredients".
- You are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. There are no well controlled studies of the use of B.I.P. Paste in pregnant women. *Your doctor will discuss with you the possible risks and benefits of using B.I.P. Paste during pregnancy.*

- You are breast feeding, or wish to breastfeed. It is recommended that you do not breastfeed while using B.I.P. Paste. *Your doctor will discuss with you the possible risks and benefits of using B.I.P. Paste during breastfeeding.*
- You have hyperthyroidism, a condition where the thyroid gland is overactive.
- You have moderate or severe renal impairment.

#### Taking other medicines:

*Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including medicines you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.*

*Some medicines may affect the way other medicines work. They may also react with B.I.P. Paste resulting in unwanted side effects. Your doctor or pharmacist will be able to tell you which medicines are safe to take while using B.I.P. Paste.*

#### Effects on laboratory tests:

B.I.P. Paste can cause changes to an X-ray, tell your doctor that B.I.P. Paste has been used on you if you have an X-ray.

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## How B.I.P. Paste are used

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*B.I.P. Paste is only for use on the skin.*

B.I.P. Paste will usually be used in hospital by a doctor or nurse.

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## What if I swallow it?

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B.I.P. Paste is intended for external use only.

**Immediately telephone your doctor or the Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26) for advice, or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have swallowed B.I.P. Paste. Do this, even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.**

If you are not sure what to do, contact your doctor or pharmacist. Keep telephone numbers for these places handy.

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## While you are using B.I.P. Paste

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### **Things you must do:**

*Tell any other doctors, dentists, and pharmacists who are treating you that B.I.P. Paste has been used on you.*

If you are about to be started on any new medicines, remind your doctor, dentist or pharmacist that B.I.P. Paste has been used on you.

*Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while using B.I.P. Paste.*

### **Things to be careful of:**

B.I.P. Paste should not come into contact with eyes. Contact with the eye can cause irritation. If accidental contact occurs, remove contact lenses if worn, hold eye open, and rinse thoroughly (for about 15 minutes) with water and pat dry. Then contact your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

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## What are the side effects?

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Like other medicines, B.I.P. Paste can sometimes cause unwanted side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the side effects. If you get any unwanted side effects, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

***Tell your doctor if you experience any of the following and they worry you:***

- Any local reaction such as redness, itching or burning, irritation and stinging, pain at the application site.

Local reactions can occur with B.I.P. Paste. They are usually mild the risk is higher if you have used B.I.P. Paste before.

***Tell your doctor immediately, or go to casualty at your nearest hospital if you notice any of the following:***

- Sudden signs of allergy, such as swelling or difficult breathing.
- Confusion or memory loss.
- Uncoordinated or irregular movements of the muscles.
- Involuntary, shock-like or jerky movements.

These may be serious side effects. If you have them, you may have had a serious (allergic) reaction to B.I.P. Paste. You may need urgent

medical attention or hospitalisation. Serious side effects are very rare.

If a serious reaction occurs, or if a reaction persists, consult your doctor.

This is not a complete list of all possible side effects. Others may occur in some people and there may be some side effects not yet known.

**Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.**

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## How do I store B.I.P. Paste?

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### **Storage:**

B.I.P. Paste will normally be stored in a hospital. It should be stored below 25°C and should be protected from light.

Hospital staff will ensure that the paste is not used after the expiry date printed on the tube.

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## Product Description

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### **What it looks like:**

A bright yellow, paste. It comes in a 50 g tube and is available only by prescription.

### **Ingredients:**

*Active Ingredients:*

- Bismuth Subnitrate
- Iodoform.

*Inactive Ingredients:*

- Liquid Paraffin
- White Soft Paraffin

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## Where to go for further information

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Pharmaceutical companies are not in a position to give people an individual diagnosis or medical advice. Your doctor or pharmacist is the best person to give you advice on the treatment of your condition. Should you have any further questions regarding this product, please contact your doctor or pharmacist.

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