

PATIENT INFORMATION: CORTISONE INJECTIONS

PURPOSE

KENACORT-A 40 is used to treat allergic diseases. To treat these problems it is injected deep into a muscle. From the muscle it is slowly absorbed into the blood and carried by the blood to all parts of the body.

PROCESS

The skin is swabbed using the aseptic technique, this disinfects the area and reduces the chance of infection. KENACORT-A 40 is then given by injection deep into a muscle.

RISKS AND SIDE EFFECTS

These are the more common side effects of KENACORT-A 40 :

pain • fluid retention • salt retention • changes in heart beat • sores • muscle weakness • tiredness • slow wound healing • sweating • headaches • irregular menstrual periods • stomach upsets • dizziness • convulsions • numbness • pins & needles • pain in arms or legs • insomnia • sore eyes • vision impairment or loss of vision

These are the less common side effects of KENACORT-A 40 :

• serious heart problems • weakening of bones • stomach ulcers • glandular problems.

Rarely occurring effects of KENACORT-A 40 :

• worsening psychiatric conditions • fracturing of bones • stopping of growth in children • damage to eyes • severe pain, and swelling around the injection site • wasting of muscles

Prolonged use of KENACORT-A 40 may damage your eyes and sight.

AFTERCARE

It is important to rest the area as much as possible for the next 2 - 3 days. The area may ache as the local anaesthetic wears off and pain relief is occasionally necessary such as Paracetamol. New redness or pain may indicate infection and should be reassessed by the doctor urgently.

COST

The cost for this procedure is usually \$85.00.