What are B.I.P. products used for?

B.I.P. products contain two active ingredients, bismuth subnitrate and iodoform. It comes as a paste and also impregnated into sterile gauze. 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. products are intended for external use only. B.I.P. products will usually be applied in hospital by a doctor or nurse.

How B.I.P. products are used

B.I.P. products are intended for use on the skin. B.I.P. products will normally be stored in a hospital. They should be stored below 25°C and kept in airtight containers.

Storage:

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

Things you must do:

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

Make sure to keep telephone numbers for these places handy.

What are the side effects?

Like other medicines, B.I.P. products 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. products. They are usually mild the risk is higher if you have used B.I.P. products 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 a B.I.P. product. 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.

How do I store B.I.P. products?

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

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

Product Descriptions

What it looks like:

B.I.P. Paste (Jar)
A bright yellow paste. It comes in a 50 g jar and is available only by prescription.

B.I.P. Paste (Tube)
A bright yellow, paste. It comes in a 50 g tube and is available only by prescription.

B.I.P. Paste Jar
Active Ingredients:

- Bismuth Subnitrate
- Iodoform.

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Inactive Ingredients:

- Liquid Paraffin

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

Active Ingredients:

- Bismuth Subnitrate
- Iodoform.

Inactive Ingredients:

- Liquid Paraffin
- White Soft Paraffin

**B.I.P. Gauze**

12.5mm or 25mm width of 1-metre length sterile gauze impregnated with B.I.P. Paste.

Active Ingredients:

- Bismuth Subnitrate
- Iodoform.

Inactive Ingredients:

- Liquid Paraffin

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Where to go for further information

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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