Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

PATIENT & CAREGIVER EDUCATION

Glycopyrronium (Topical

This information from Lexicomp® explains what you need to know about this medication, including what it’s used for, how to take it, its side effects, and when to call your healthcare provider.

Brand Names: US

Qbrexza

What is this drug used for?

- It is used to lower underarm sweating.

What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE I take this drug?

- If you are allergic to this drug; any part of this drug; or any other drugs, foods, or substances. Tell your doctor about the allergy and what signs you had.
- If you have any of these health problems: Glaucoma; heart problems caused by bleeding; myasthenia gravis; Sjogren’s disease; or stomach or bowel problems like bowel block, enlarged colon, or ulcerative colitis.

- If you are not sweating during activities or in warm temperatures.
- If you take other drugs called anticholinergics, like ipratropium or oxybutynin. Ask your doctor if you are not sure if any of your drugs are anticholinergic.

This is not a list of all drugs or health problems that interact with this drug.

Tell your doctor and pharmacist about all of your drugs (prescription or OTC, natural products, vitamins) and health problems. You must check to make sure that it is safe for you to take this drug with all of your drugs and health problems. Do not start, stop, or change the dose of any drug without checking with your doctor.

What are some things I need to know or do while I take this drug?

- Tell all of your health care providers that you take this drug. This includes your doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and dentists.
- Avoid driving and doing other tasks or actions that call for you to be alert or have clear eyesight until you see how this drug affects you.
- Be careful in hot weather or while being active. Drink lots of fluids to stop fluid loss.

- This drug may catch on fire. Do not use near an open flame or while smoking.
- Blurred eyesight, big pupils, and pupils that are not the same size may happen if this drug gets in the eyes. In most cases, these effects went away within 1 week. Be sure to wash hands after handling this drug. Throw away used wipes in a trash can out of the reach of children and away from pets.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan on getting pregnant, or are breast-feeding. You will need to talk about the benefits and risks to you and the baby.

What are some side effects that I need to call my doctor about right away?

WARNING/CAUTION: Even though it may be rare, some people may have very bad and sometimes deadly side effects when taking a drug. Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you have any of the following signs or symptoms that may be related to a very bad side effect:

- Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever; wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing, swallowing, or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips,

tongue, or throat.

- Trouble passing urine.
- Passing urine more often.
- Passing urine in a weak stream or drips.
- Larger pupils.
- Blurred eyesight.
- This drug can lead to less sweating in areas other than the underarm. This could lead to high body temperature and heat stroke. Call your doctor if you have a fast or abnormal heartbeat; fast or shallow breathing; fever; or hot, red skin. Call your doctor if you feel less alert, if you pass out, or if you are not sweating during activities or in warm temperatures.

What are some other side effects of this drug?

All drugs may cause side effects. However, many people have no side effects or only have minor side effects. Call your doctor or get medical help if any of these side effects or any other side effects bother you or do not go away:

- Dry mouth, skin, or eyes.
- Dry nose.
- Sore throat.

- Headache.
- Redness.
- Burning or stinging.
- Itching.
- Constipation.

These are not all of the side effects that may occur. If you have questions about side effects, call your doctor. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

You may report side effects to your national health agency.

You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-332-1088. You may also report side effects at https://www.fda.gov/medwatch.

How is this drug best taken?

Use this drug as ordered by your doctor. Read all information given to you. Follow all instructions closely.

- Do not take this drug by mouth. Use on your skin only. Keep out of your mouth, nose, and eyes (may burn).
- Wash your hands before and after use.
- Clean affected part before use. Make sure to dry well.
- Put on by wiping 1 time across each underarm. Use

the same cloth for both underarms.

- Do not use this drug on areas other than the underarm.
- Do not get this drug in your eyes. If you get it in your eyes, it may cause large pupils and blurred eyesight.
- Do not put on open sores or broken skin.
- Do not use coverings (bandages, dressings) unless told to do so by the doctor.

What do I do if I miss a dose?

- Use a missed dose as soon as you think about it.
- If it is close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your normal time.
- Do not use more than 1 dose of this drug in 24 hours.

How do I store and/or throw out this drug?

- Store at room temperature in a dry place. Do not store in a bathroom.
- Protect from heat or open flame.
- Keep all drugs in a safe place. Keep all drugs out of the reach of children and pets.
- Throw away unused or expired drugs. Do not flush down a toilet or pour down a drain unless you are told to do so. Check with your pharmacist if you have

questions about the best way to throw out drugs. There may be drug take-back programs in your area.

General drug facts

- If your symptoms or health problems do not get better or if they become worse, call your doctor.
- Do not share your drugs with others and do not take anyone else’s drugs.
- Some drugs may have another patient information leaflet. If you have any questions about this drug, please talk with your doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or other health care provider.
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- If you think there has been an overdose, call your poison control center or get medical care right away. Be ready to tell or show what was taken, how much, and when it happened.

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