

## Information for the user



# Cold Sore Lotion

**Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.**

This medicine is available without prescription to treat minor conditions. However, you still need to use it carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet, you may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- You must contact a pharmacist or doctor if your symptoms worsen or do not improve.

### **What this medicine is for**

Boots Cold Sore Lotion contains Camphor and Levomenthol which belong to a group of medicines called rubefacients which act by having a warming and pain relieving effect, and Benzyl Alcohol and 2,4-Dichlorobenzyl Alcohol which belong to a group of medicines called antiseptics which act to treat infection and pain

It can be used to relieve and soothe the pain of cold sores.

### **Before you use this medicine**

This medicine can be used by adults and children. However, some people should not use this medicine or should seek the advice of their pharmacist or doctor first.

#### **X Do not use:**

- **If you are allergic** to any of the ingredients

**You can** use this medicine if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

### **Other important information**

- **Information about some of the ingredients in this medicine:** Propylene glycol may cause skin irritation

### **If you take other medicines**

Before you use this medicine, make sure that you tell your pharmacist about ANY other medicines you might be using at the same time.

If you are unsure about interactions with any other medicines, talk to your pharmacist.

### **✓ How to use this medicine**

Check the seal is not broken before first use. If it is, do not use the medicine.

Apply to the skin only.

Age	How much to use	How often to use
Adults and children	Dab onto the cold sore as soon as it first appears, with cotton wool.	Repeat frequently.

If symptoms do not go away talk to your doctor.

**! If you use too much or if anyone accidentally swallows some of the medicine:** Talk to a doctor straight away.

### Possible side effects

Most people will not have problems, but some may get some. If you have any unwanted side effects you should seek advice from your doctor, pharmacist or other healthcare professional.

**If you get any of these side effects, stop using the medicine and see a doctor:**

- Allergic reaction (e.g. skin rash, red or itchy skin)

**If you get any of the following side effects see your pharmacist or doctor:**

- Stinging

**If any side effect becomes severe, or you notice any side effect not listed here, please tell your pharmacist or doctor.**

### Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard). By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

### How to store this medicine

Flammable

**Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.**

Use by the date shown on the carton. After this date return any unused product to your nearest pharmacy for safe disposal.

### What this medicine contains

This lotion contains Benzyl Alcohol 2% v/v, Camphor 0.1% w/v, Levomenthol 0.2% w/v and 2,4-Dichlorobenzyl Alcohol 0.25% w/v which are the active ingredients.

As well as the active ingredients, the lotion also contains: industrial methylated spirits and propylene glycol.

The pack contains 10ml of lotion.

### Who makes this medicine

Manufactured for the Marketing Authorisation holder The Boots Company PLC Nottingham NG2 3AA by BCM Ltd Nottingham NG2 3AA.

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If you would like any further information about this medicine, please contact The Boots Company PLC Nottingham NG2 3AA.

### Other formats

To request a copy of this leaflet in Braille, large print or audio please call, free of charge:

0800 198 5000 (UK only)

Please be ready to give the following information:

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