

A stylized, colorful illustration of a landscape. The foreground features rolling green hills with a dark brown path. On the left, there is a green tree, a purple flower, and an orange flower. A small red bird is flying in the sky. The background consists of layered blue and white hills under a blue sky.

Wound Care Product Venelex

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What is this Venelex

- **Generic Name:** *balsam Peru and castor oil topical*

- **Brand Name:** *Venelex, Proderm*

- **Venelex Ointment Description**

Each gram of Venelex

Ointment contains: **ACTIVES:** Balsam Peru 87.0mg and Castor Oil USP 788.0mg in an ointment base of: **INACTIVES:** Glyceryl Monostearate and White Petrolatum.

- Balsam Peru and castor oil topical (for the skin) is a member of the miscellaneous topical agents drug class. It is a combination medicine used to treat skin wounds, ulcers, diabetic skin ulcers, and other skin conditions resulting from decreased blood flow or skin grafts.

Action

- *Balsam Peru* is an effective capillary bed stimulant used to increase circulation in the wound site area. Also, Balsam Peru has a mildly bactericidal action.
- *Castor Oil* improves epithelialization by reducing premature epithelial desiccation and cornification. Also, it can act as a protective covering and aids in the reduction of pain.
- Venelex ointment provides a moist wound environment. The moisturizing properties may also help in the prevention of cracking around the edges of sores/wounds.
- It helps to deodorize and protectively cover pressure wounds (ulcers).

Indication

VENELEX OINTMENT is used to promote wound healing and the treatment of decubitus ulcers, varicose ulcers and dehiscent wounds.

It is a wound dressing for topical use in the management of chronic and acute wounds, and dermal ulcers including: pressure ulcers (Stage I-IV), venous stasis ulcers, diabetic ulcers, first and second-degree burns, surgical wounds, traumatic wounds, superficial wounds, ulcers resulting from arterial insufficiency and grafted wound/donor sites.

USUAL DOSAGE

Apply a thin film of Venelex Ointment topically, a minimum of twice daily or as often as necessary. Wound may be left unbandaged or appropriate dressing can be applied. To remove, wash gently with an appropriate wound cleanser.



Primary
barrier to
infection
Control



Caption of
Wound care

Venelex can be used on these Wounds



Pressure Ulcer



Dehisce Wound



Venous Ulcer

Contraindication and Caution

- **•VENELEX™ OINTMENT** is contraindicated in persons who have shown hypersensitivity to Balsam Peru, Petrolatum or any of the other ingredients used in this ointment.
- **Venelex is for EXTERNAL USE ONLY.** Do not apply to fresh arterial clots. Avoid contact with eyes. Keep this and all other medications out of reach of children. Keep tightly closed. Use only as directed by a physician. When applied to a sensitive area, a temporary stinging may occur.

Side Effects

Some side effects are Signs of an allergic reaction, like rash; hives; itching; red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin with or without fever, skin irritation.

Adverse reaction such as: wheezing; tightness in the chest or throat; trouble breathing, swallowing, or talking; unusual hoarseness; or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat, which are not common, must be reported right away.

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Price and Storage

- **Price:** The cost for Venelex topical ointment (87 mg-788 mg/g) is around \$42 for a supply of 60 grams.
- **Storage:** Store at 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F), excursions permitted between 15°C and 30°C (between 59°F and 86°F). Brief exposure to temperatures up to 40°C (104°F) may be tolerated provided the mean kinetic temperature does not exceed 25°C (77°F); however, such exposure should be minimized.

FDA Approval

- Even though this product has been widely used for decubital ulcers, varicose ulcers, and dehiscent wounds and despite the labeled uses, the formulation has not been found by the FDA to be safe or effective for any indication.



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