Application of Sulfamylon®

What is Sulfamylon®?
Sulfamylon® is a thick, white antibiotic cream that is used when burns involve cartilage. It is used to treat burns of the ear. Here are some guidelines to follow when putting the Sulfamylon® on your ears.

How do I use it?
- Shower or bathe once a day.
- Wash the ear(s) three times a day using a clean washcloth and a mild soap (for example Dove® or Ivory®). Cotton tipped applicators (for example: Q-tips®) may be used to help remove the cream from the fold of the ear.
- After all the cream has been removed, and the burns are clean, pat the ears dry with a clean washcloth or towel.
- Using a tongue depressor, apply the Sulfamylon® cream to your ear until the burn is completely covered. The burned ear should always be covered with a thin layer of Sulfamylon® cream.
- When you are outdoors, place a non-stick dressing (Telfa® or Adaptic®) on top of the Sulfamylon.
- Do not sleep with a pillow! A rolled towel may be used to support your neck.

Please notify the doctor as soon as possible if one or more of the following are observed:
- Ear(s) are more swollen than normal
- Ear(s) become bright red
- There is an increase or change in drainage
- There is an increase in pain or a burning sensation
- A fever develops

If you have questions or concerns, call the Burn Clinic at 212-746-5024 or the Burn Center at 212-746-0327/28

This information is brief and general. It should not be the only source of your information on this health care topic. It is not to be used or relied on for diagnosis or treatment. It does not take the place of instructions from your doctor. Talk to your health care providers before making a health care decision.

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