

EUCRISA (Crisaborole)

Crisaborole is a new topical treatment for atopic dermatitis (eczema). It can also be used for other forms of skin inflammation. It is different from most of the creams used for eczema because it is not a topical steroid. It has fewer side effects than topical steroids.

This medication specifically targets signaling of a substance called PGE-4 which contributes to much of the inflammation and redness of atopic dermatitis.

Crisaborole is used only on the surface of the skin. It should be applied to the affected area once or twice per day, usually after washing or bathing. Wash your hands after applying the medication (unless your hands are being treated). Do not get the medication in your eyes or mouth. As your condition improves you can use the medication less often (once per day, then once every other day, then stop completely).

One advantage of this medication is that you can use it on any part of the body affected by the eczema which is not the cases with topical steroids

As with any topical medication there are uncommon cases of a reaction to crisaborole. If you develop severe itching, hives, or swelling anywhere on your body after using this medication, stop using it and call the office. This reaction is not common. Fewer than 4 percent of people (or less than 1 in 25) who use this medication will have a reaction.

Crisaborole has not been tested in pregnant or nursing women. Therefore, it is not known whether it is safe for pregnant or nursing mothers to use it.

Crisaborole is a safe and effective medication and an advance in the treatment of atopic dermatitis and various forms of eczema.

If you have any other questions, please ask me before you leave the office.