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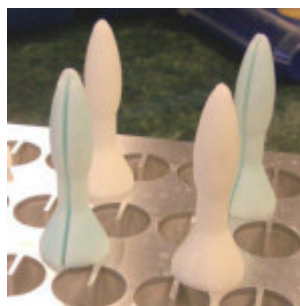
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Rectal Rocket-Suppositories for Persistent Hemorrhoids

A unique dosage form called a "Rectal Rocket" is a suppository that has provided many patients with complete relief within three nights' use. The unique design allows the medication to remain at the site for several hours, unlike commercially available products that are lost in the colon and are not available at the site of the hemorrhoid. This specially prepared medication has allowed patients to return to normal activities at a faster rate than when "conventional therapy" was used.

The name "Rectal Rocket" alludes to the unique design of the dosage form. It is tapered for easy insertion, but flares out at the bottom, so that the end portion of the suppository remains in contact with the anal sphincter and the external perianal area. (There is even a "slit" which allows the patient to expel gas without eliminating the suppository.) The "Rectal Rocket" provides the benefit of both an internal suppository and an external cream or ointment, and also has the added advantage of increased contact time with affected tissue.



The History of the Rectal Rocket

The design for the rectal rocket originated with compounding pharmacist *Robert Boudreaux* in Lake Charles, Louisiana during the late 1960's. The first molds were made of aluminum and produced only six suppositories. Referred to by physicians as "*Robert's Rocket*", these new suppositories were not widely accepted, primarily for their unusual (i.e. humorous) shape.

In the 1990's, *PCCA (Professional Compounding Centers of America)* redesigned the mold and began distributing the new molds to its member pharmacies.

The Rectal Rocket has become a staple to many physicians when treating persistent hemorrhoids due to better drug absorption at the site of action, custom formulas available, length of treatment time and better comfort providing more patient compliance.

This month's featured compounds are **Ketoprofen 1.7%/Lidocaine 2% Rectal Rocket** and **Hydrocortisone 2.5%/Lidocaine 2% Rectal Rocket**.

Ketoprofen 1.7%/Lidocaine 2% Rectal Rockets is the original Rectal Rocket formula used to treat persistent hemorrhoids. For best results, one suppository is inserted into the rectum (leaving the base protruding) at bedtime for three nights. It is recommended that an undergarment protector be worn to shield clothing. These have proven most beneficial for new mothers after normal child birth or where external and internal hemorrhoids are present.

Hydrocortisone 2.5%/Lidocaine 2% Rectal Rockets are used to treat persistent hemorrhoids for patients who are allergic to NSAIDs or in patients who NSAID therapy is not ideal. Use as directed above.

Visit www.rectalrocket.com for more information and prescription forms for prescribing or call us at 355-4540 for pre-made prescription pads!!