

FOBANCORT OINTMENT

Sodium Fusidate (2.0% w/w), Betamethasone Dipropionate (0.064% w/w)

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This leaflet answers some common questions about Fobancort Ointment. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your pharmacist or doctor.

If you have any concerns about this medication, ask your pharmacist or doctor.

Keep this leaflet with the medication. You may need to read it again.

What Fobancort Ointment is used for

Fobancort Ointment is used for inflammatory skin infections, psoriasis, where infection caused by germs such as *Staphylococcus* or *Streptococcus*.

How Fobancort Ointment works

Fobancort Ointment contains the active ingredients sodium fusidate and betamethasone dipropionate.

Every gram of ointment contains 20 mg of sodium fusidate and 0.64mg of betamethasone dipropionate.

Sodium fusidate is an antibiotic that provides antibacterial activity against most germs (bacteria) on skin.

Betamethasone dipropionate is a type of corticosteroid (steroid) that helps to reduce swelling, itching, redness.

Before you use Fobancort Ointment

When you must not use it

Do not use this medicine if:

- You are hypersensitive to any ingredients of this medicine or other corticosteroids.
- You have viral skin infections, tuberculosis (lung infection), acne rosacea (a type of acne), fungal skin infections, inflammation of the skin around the mouth and ulcerative condition.

Before you start to use it

Tell your pharmacist or doctor:

- If you have an infection on your skin and specify on the infected area.
- If you are using any other prescription or non-prescription medicines or skin products.
- If you are using on small children as systemic absorption can occur in topical administration causing growth retardation. Thus, suitable precautions should also be taken when treating stasis dermatitis (skin inflammation at the lower legs) and other skin diseases with impaired circulation.

Pregnancy and breast feeding:

- Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine if you are pregnant or breast-feeding.
- Safe use during pregnancy and lactation has not been established.
- There is evidence to suggest that the drug can penetrate the placental barrier and detectable in the milk of nursing mothers.

Taking other medicines

Tell your pharmacist or doctor if you are taking any other products (such as over the counter medicine, prescribed medicine and herbal products).

In particular, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any Penicillin before you start to take

Fobancort Ointment as the medicines can affect each other.

How to use Fobancort Ointment

How much to use

Apply medicine twice daily. Refer to the recommended dosage from your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not give this medicine to children under 2 years of age.

Consult with your doctor if you want to give this medicine to children below 2 years old.

When to use it

Apply onto affected area after washing.

How long to use it

Consult with your doctor or pharmacist for the treatment period.

If you forget to use it

Apply the missed dose as soon as you remember. Use the next dose at the usual time.

If you use too much (overdose)

Overdosage will not cause any harmful effect. If you suspect that you are overdose, please consult your pharmacist or doctor. Bring any remaining medicine with you.

While you are using it

Things you must do

If you are about to start taking on any other new medicine, tell your pharmacist or doctor that you are taking Fobancort Ointment.

Things you must not do

Do not use Fobancort Ointment if you have irritation or sensitization after using this medicine.

Contact your doctor if you experience blurred vision or other visual disturbances.

Things to be careful of

This medication should not be used in or near eye area. If this occurs, bathe your eye with eyewash. Your eye may sting. If you start having any problem with your sight or your eye is sore, contact your doctor immediately.

Do not use this medicine for a long time, unless your doctor or pharmacist has told you to.

Do not swallow this medication.

Small quantity may not cause any harm. If you accidentally swallow in a larger quantity, please contact your doctor immediately.

Side effects

Fobancort Ointment may have unwanted side effects in some people. All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not.

Hypersensitivity reactions in the form of rashes and irritation may occur after the topical administration. Reported local adverse reactions are:

- Burning
- Itching
- Irritation
- Dryness
- Folliculitis (inflammation of hair follicles)
- Hypertrichosis (excessive hair growth)
- Outbreak of acne
- Change of skin colour
- Softening of the skin
- Secondary infection
- Thinning of the skin
- Stretch marks
- Prickly heat
- Blurred vision

Large doses of corticosteroids may produce symptoms typical of hypersensitivity of the adrenal cortex. Such as moon face (round puffy face), unwanted hair growth in women, hump behind the shoulder, flushing, sometimes leading to a fully developed Cushing's Syndrome.

Stop taking the medicine and seek for immediate help if you have

experience: difficulty in breathing, face and throat swell and skin develop severe rash.

If you get any side effects, even those not mentioned in this leaflet, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

Storage and Disposal of Fobancort Ointment

Storage

Store below 30°C. Keep in a cool dry place, protected from strong light. Keep out of reach of children.

Disposal

Medicines should not be thrown away in waste water. Dispose the medicine after the expiry date.

Product description

What it looks like

Fobancort Ointment is a colourless ointment. It is available in aluminum tubes of 5g and 15g.

Ingredients

Active ingredients:
Sodium Fusidate 2% w/w and Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.064% w/w (equivalent to Betamethasone 0.05% w/w).

Inactive ingredients:
White Soft Paraffin and Liquid Paraffin.

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