

Sodium Fusidate (20 mg/g)

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What *Fucidin[®] Ointment* is used for

Fucidin[®] Ointment is used to treat conditions where the skin is infected by germs (bacteria), such as:

- Impetigo (a weeping, crusty and swollen patch of skin)
- Infected dermatitis (inflammation of the skin) and spots
- Infected cuts and grazes.
- Your doctor may have prescribed this medication for another reason. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medication has been prescribed for you.

How *Fucidin[®] Ointment* works

Fucidin[®] Ointment contains sodium fusidate. It is a type of antibiotic.

Fucidin[®] Ointment works by killing germs (bacteria) that cause infections.

Before you use *Fucidin[®] Ointment*

- When you must not use it

Do not use *Fucidin[®] Ointment*

- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to fusidic acid or sodium fusidate.
- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to any of the other ingredients in your medicine. You can find a list of these ingredients in section 6: *Side Effects* of this leaflet
- If you have infections caused by non-susceptible organisms.

Pregnancy and lactation

Please ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using *Fucidin[®] Ointment*:

- If you are pregnant, or think you are pregnant.
 - If you are breast-feeding.
- Before you start to use it

Take special care with *Fucidin[®] Ointment*

- Take special care if you are going to use this medicine near your eyes or the eyes of a child.

- Taking other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, or have recently taken any other medicines. This includes any medicines which you have bought without a prescription.

Fucidin[®] Ointment is a ready-for-use preparation and should, therefore, not be mixed with other ingredients or preparations.

Important information about some of the ingredients of *Fucidin[®] Ointment*

Fucidin[®] Ointment contains:

- Wool fat. This may give you an itchy rash and inflammation on your skin where your medicine is used.
- Cetyl alcohol. This may give you an itchy rash and inflammation on your skin where your medicine is used.

Please ask your doctor if you are worried about any of the ingredients in this medicine.

How to use *Fucidin[®] Ointment*

This medicine is only for using on your skin. Do not swallow it. Do not put it inside your body.

Remove the cap. Check the seal is not broken before you first use the ointment. Then push the spike in the cap through the seal on the tube.

Always wash your hands before using *Fucidin[®] Ointment*. Rub the medicine gently on the skin. If you use it on your face be careful to avoid your eyes.

Unless you are using the ointment to treat your hands, always wash your hands after using *Fucidin[®] Ointment*.

If you accidentally get any medicine in your eye, wash it out with cold water straight away. Then bathe your eye with eyewash if possible. Your eye may sting. If you start to have any problems with your sight or your eye is sore, contact your doctor immediately.

- How much to use

Your doctor will tell you how much *Fucidin[®] Ointment* to use.

- When to use it

Usually, you should use this medicine two to three times each day.

- How long to use it

Fucidin[®] Ointment is applied to affected area generally for a period of 7 days.

- If you forget to use it

- If you forget to use this medicine, use it as soon as you remember. Then next use this medicine at the usual time.
- If you have any further questions about using this medicine, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

- If you use too much (overdose)

If you accidentally apply too much ointment or a small quantity of the ointment is accidentally swallowed, it is unlikely to cause any harm. If a larger quantity of the ointment is accidentally swallowed or you are worried contact your doctor, pharmacist or Accident and Emergency department for advice.

While you are using it**- Things you must do**

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Tell all the doctors and pharmacists treating you that you are using *Fucidin® Ointment*.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- Things you must not do

Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.

Do not give *Fucidin® Ointment* to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of***Driving and using machines***

Usually your medicine will have very little effect on your ability to drive or use machines. Check with your doctor if you feel any side effect that may stop you from driving or using machines.

Side effects

Like all medicines, *Fucidin® Ointment* can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Important side effects to look out for:
Rare (probably affect less than 1 in 1,000 people)

You must get urgent medical help if you have any of the following symptoms. You may be having an allergic reaction:

- You have difficulty breathing
- Your face or throat swell
- Your skin develops a severe rash.

If any of the side effects become serious or you notice any side effects not listed 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 calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website npra.moh.gov.my (Public → Reporting Medicinal Problems / Side Effects / AEFI)

Storage and Disposal of *Fucidin® Ointment***- Storage**

Do not store above 30°C.

- Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product Description**- What it looks like**

Fucidin® Ointment is an off white ointment.

Fucidin® Ointment comes in tubes of 5g and 15g.

- Ingredients**- Active ingredient:**

- Sodium fusidate (20mg/g)

- Inactive ingredients

- Cetyl alcohol
- Wool fat
- Liquid paraffin
- White soft paraffin

You can find important information about the ingredients in your medicine in section “Before you use it” of this leaflet.

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