

Fucidin® 20 mg/g ointment

sodium fusidate

Read the entire package leaflet carefully before using this medicine, as it contains important information for you.

What fucidin® ointment is and what it is used for

Fucidin® ointment is intended for use on the skin.

The active ingredient in Fucidin® ointment is an antibiotic.

Fucidin® is used for the local treatment of skin infections caused by bacteria that are sensitive to sodium fusidate (e.g. staphylococcal infections).

When you should not use this medicine or take extra care

When should you not use this medicine?

If you are allergic to any of the substances in this medicine.

When should you take extra care with this medicine?

If you use Fucidin® on the face. Fucidin® should not be applied in or around the eye as this can cause a stinging sensation in the eye. If you use this medicine regularly or for a long time, you run the risk of the bacteria against which this medicine works becoming resistant to fusidic acid. As a result, this medicine may not work well for you over time. Contact your doctor or pharmacist before using this medicine.

Are you using any other medicines?

There are no known interactions with other medicines.

If you are using any other medicines, including those obtained without a prescription, or if you have recently used any other medicines, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding: No effects are expected during pregnancy and breastfeeding, as Fucidin® ointment is not or hardly absorbed into the bloodstream. As a precaution, it is advised not to apply Fucidin® ointment on the breast during the period of breastfeeding.

Are you pregnant, think you might be pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding? Consult your doctor or pharmacist before using this medicine.

Driving and using machines: Fucidin® ointment has no or negligible influence on driving ability and the ability to operate machinery.

Fucidin® ointment contains cetyl alcohol, wool wax, and butylhydroxytoluene

These substances can cause local skin reactions (e.g. contact dermatitis). Butylhydroxytoluene (E321) can also cause irritation to the eyes and mucous membranes.

How to use this medicine?

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. If you are unsure about the correct use, consult your doctor or pharmacist.

Dosage and method of use

The recommended dosage for both adults and children is to apply a small amount of Fucidin® to the affected skin three times a day. If you apply a sterile dressing, you should apply Fucidin® less frequently.

If you find that Fucidin® ointment is too strong or not working enough, consult your doctor or pharmacist.

Duration of treatment: The duration of treatment is approximately 1 to 2 weeks, sometimes longer, depending on the condition and the result. Therefore, follow your doctor's instructions.

If you have used too much of this medicine: If you have used or taken too much Fucidin® ointment, contact your doctor immediately. However, no cases of overdose have been reported to date.

If you forget to use this medicine: At the next opportunity, apply the usual amount of Fucidin®. Therefore, do not apply a double amount.

If you stop using this medicine: After premature discontinuation of Fucidin®, it is possible that the skin infection will recur or not heal.

Do you have any other questions about the use of this medicine? Consult your doctor or pharmacist.

Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can also have side effects, although not everyone gets them.

- occur very commonly (in more than 1 in 10 patients)
- occur commonly (in 1 to 10 out of 100 patients)
- occur uncommonly (in 1 to 10 out of 1,000 patients)
- occur rarely (in 1 to 10 out of 10,000 patients)
- occur very rarely (in less than 1 in 10,000 patients).

The most reported side effects of Fucidin® ointment are skin reactions, such as itching, rash, and pain and irritation at the site of application.

The side effects are listed below by organ class.

Immune system disorders

Rarely: hypersensitivity reactions, sudden fluid accumulation in the skin and mucous membranes (e.g. throat or tongue), breathing difficulties and/or itching and rash, often as an allergic reaction (angioedema), hives and formation of bumps (urticaria), formation of blisters.

- Eye disorders
- Rarely: conjunctivitis.
- Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders
- Uncommonly: skin inflammation, rash, itching, redness of the skin (erythema).
- General disorders and administration site conditions
- Uncommonly: pain and irritation at the site of application.
- Reporting of side effects

If you experience any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly to the Netherlands Pharmacovigilance Centre Lareb (www.lareb.nl). By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

how to store this medicine?

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

There are no special storage conditions for this medicine.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the packaging after "EXP". The expiry date refers to the last day of that month. Do not use an opened tube for more than 3 months.