

metrotop™

8mg/ml Topical Gel
M E T R O N I D A Z O L E

Patient Information Leaflet

Please read this carefully before you use your medication; this leaflet provides some useful information.

The information in this leaflet applies to Metrotop - If you have any questions or are not sure about anything contained in the leaflet, please ask your pharmacist or doctor.

What's in your medicine?

Metrotop contains 8mg/ml (0.8% w/v) of the active ingredient metronidazole, it also contains hypromellose, benzalkonium chloride solution and purified water.

Metrotop is a colourless gel for topical application only.

It is available in 30g tubes.

How does your medicine work?

Metrotop is an anti-microbial agent, which kills the bacteria in the wounds and which cause acne.

Who manufactures your medicine?

MA Holder:

Ayrton Saunders (Ireland) Limited, 8A Sandyford Business Centre, Blackthorn Avenue, Sandyford, Dublin 18, Ireland

Manufacturer and batch release:

Sauflon Pharmaceuticals Ltd., 5-7 Mace Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8EP, UK

What is your medicine for?

Metrotop is used in patients with fungating tumours to mask the smell possibly caused by bacteria in the open wound, and is also used to treat acne rosacea.

What should you do before applying Metrotop?

Please tell your doctor if:

- You are pregnant or likely to become pregnant
- You are breast feeding
- You are taking a coumarin type anti-coagulant (blood thinning tablets).
- You are sensitive to any of the product's ingredients.
- You suffer from disease of the peripheral nervous system.
- You are having prolonged or repeated treatment with Metrotop.

Avoid contact with the eyes and strong sunlight whilst using this product.

How should you apply Metrotop?

For external use only.

In Adults and Children over 12 years of age.

For Tumours:

Following adequate cleansing, a liberal application of the gel should cover the area and in turn be covered with a loosely packed liquid paraffin gauze and bandage.

For acne:

Apply the gel twice daily to the affected areas for up to 2 months.

Avoid contact with the eyes.

Not recommended in Children under 12 years of age.

In the elderly, apply as for adults but take extra care.

What should you do if you miss a dose?

If you miss a dose do not worry.

Apply the gel when you remember and continue treatment in the usual way.

What should you do in the case of an overdose?

If you accidentally swallow some gel contact your doctor immediately.

What are the side effects?

There are no reported side effects following topical use.

However, the following side effects have been reported when metronidazole has been taken orally:

Gastrointestinal disturbances, dry mouth, headache, rash, drowsiness and rarely neuropathy (a disease of the peripheral nerves causing weakness and numbness).

If you experience these or any other side effects not mentioned, discontinue use and report this to your doctor who will advise you on any necessary action to take.

Storing your medicine?

Do not store above 25°C. Each tube should only be used for 28 days after opening and then be disposed of safely.

Keep out of reach and sight of children.

DO NOT USE METROTOP AFTER THE EXPIRY DATE PRINTED ON THE END (CRIMP) OF THE TUBE AND CARTON.

STERILE UNTIL OPEN.

REMEMBER!

This medicine and leaflet have been prescribed for YOU. Only a doctor can prescribe Metrotop - **Never** give it to others; it may harm them even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

The name and address of the company supplying your medicine is:

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