PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

Fucidin® 20mg/g Cream
(fusidic acid)

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine.
- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This cream has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects become serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

The name of your medicine is Fucidin 20mg/g cream, but it will be referred to as Fucidin/ Fucidin cream throughout this leaflet.

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1. WHAT FUCIDIN CREAM IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR
Fucidin cream belongs to a group of medicines called antibiotics. The antibiotic in this product is called fusidic acid.

Fucidin cream works by killing germs (bacteria) that cause infections.

It is used to treat skin infections such as those caused by bacteria called Staphylococcus aureus.

2. BEFORE YOU USE FUCIDIN CREAM

✖ Do not use Fucidin cream
- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to fusidic acid
- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to any of the other ingredients in your medicine. You will find a list of these ingredients in section 6 of this leaflet.

! Take special care with Fucidin cream
- Do not use Fucidin for a long time as the germs (bacteria) may no longer be killed by the antibiotic.
- Avoid getting the cream in your eyes (e.g. accidentally from your hands) as it could damage them.

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

Pregnancy and breast-feeding
Please ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using Fucidin cream
- if you are pregnant or think you might be pregnant.
- if you are breast-feeding. Fucidin cream may be used by women who are breast-feeding.

Driving and using machines
This medicine should not have any effect on your ability to drive or use machinery. Check with your doctor if you feel any side effect that may stop you from driving or using machinery.

Important information about some of the ingredients of Fucidin cream
Fucidin cream contains
- Butylhydroxyanisole (E320). This may give you an itchy red rash with heat and swelling on your skin where the cream is used (e.g. contact dermatitis).
  It may also cause irritation to the eyes and the mucous membranes (e.g. mouth, nose and ears).
- Cetyl alcohol. This may give you an itchy rash with heat and swelling on your skin where the cream is used (e.g. contact dermatitis).
- Potassium sorbate. This may give you an itchy red rash with heat and swelling on your skin where the cream is used (e.g. contact dermatitis).

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

3. HOW TO USE FUCIDIN CREAM
Always use Fucidin cream exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

How to put on Fucidin cream
This medicine is only for using on your skin or the skin of a child. Do not swallow it.

Always wash your hands before using Fucidin cream.

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

Rub the cream gently on the skin. If your doctor has told you to use it on your face be very careful to avoid your eyes. 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.

Unless you are using the cream to treat your hands, always wash your hands after using Fucidin cream.

How much Fucidin cream to use
Your doctor will tell you how much Fucidin cream to use.

The usual treatment time is up to two weeks. Ask your doctor before using this medicine for any longer.

Put the cream on the affected area of your skin, usually you will need to do this three or four times a day, but less often if you cover the area with a plaster or bandage.

You should notice your skin improving after just a few days of using the cream.
If there is no improvement after seven days you should stop using the cream and go back to your doctor.

If you forget to use Fucidin cream
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.

What medical checks will you have?
Normally no special medical checks are needed if the cream is used as intended.
If you have any further questions about the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, Fucidin cream can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. In clinical trials, approximately 5 out of every 100 patients got a side effect, mainly non-serious skin problems where the cream is used.

Important side effects to look out for:

You must get urgent medical help straight away if you have any of the following symptoms. You may be having an allergic reaction. This is rare (probably affects up to 1 in 1000 people).
- **You have difficulty breathing.**
- **Your lips and mouth start to tingle or swell.**
- **Your face or throat swell.**
- **Your skin develops a severe rash.**

Other possible side effects which are less serious can also occur. You should tell your doctor about these as soon as possible.

Uncommon (probably affects up to 1 in 100 people)
- Rash or itch.
- Itchy red rash with heat and swelling in the area where the cream is used (contact dermatitis)
- Pain, stinging, burning or redness in the area where the cream is used.

Rare (probably affects up to 1 in 1000 people)
- Your eye might get very itchy and have a water discharge.

Frequency unknown (How often these can happen is not known)
- Eczema, redness of skin, hives or swelling of the eyelids or other parts of the body.

If any of the side effects become serious, or you notice any side effects not listed here, please tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible.

5. HOW TO STORE FUCIDIN CREAM

- Store in a safe place **out of the reach and sight of children.**
- Do not store above 30°C.
- Do not use the cream after the expiry date stated on the tube or carton (Exp). This expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- The tube should be discarded 28 days after first opening. Write the date you first opened the tube in the space provided on the carton.
- 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.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

What Fucidin cream contains
The active substance is fusidic acid. 1 gram of Fucidin cream contains 20mg of fuscidic acid. Other ingredients are butylhydroxyanisole (E320), cetyl alcohol, glycerol, liquid paraffin, potassium sorbate, polysorbate 60, all-rac-α-tocopherol, hydrochloric acid, white soft paraffin and purified water.

What Fucidin cream looks like and contents of the pack
Fucidin cream is a white to off-white cream.
It comes in 15 gram tube.

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