

# BACTROBAN<sup>®</sup> OINTMENT

Mupirocin (2% w/w)

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## Consumer Medicine Information

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### What is in this leaflet?

Please read this leaflet carefully before you use BACTROBAN ointment.

This leaflet answers some of the common questions about BACTROBAN ointment. It does not contain all the available information.

It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the possible risks of you using BACTROBAN ointment against the expected benefits.

**If you have any concerns about using this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.**

**Keep this leaflet with this medicine.**

You may need to read it again.

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### What is BACTROBAN ointment used for?

BACTROBAN ointment contains mupirocin (2% w/w) as the active ingredient.

Mupirocin belongs to a group of medicines called antibiotics. Antibiotics work by killing bacteria, which can cause infection. BACTROBAN ointment is used for the treatment of certain types of skin

infections such as school sores (impetigo), infection of the hair root and boils.

BACTROBAN is also used when infection occurs in skin damaged by eczema, dermatitis, psoriasis, herpes (cold sores), wounds, cuts, grazes, insect bites, minor burns etc. BACTROBAN ointment is for use on your skin only.

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### Before you use BACTROBAN ointment

#### **Do not use if:**

You must not use BACTROBAN ointment if:

- you are allergic to mupirocin or any of the other ingredients listed towards the end of this leaflet (See "Ingredients"). Signs of an allergic reaction may include an itchy skin rash, shortness of breath and swelling of the face or tongue.
- if you have used BACTROBAN before and became unwell.
- you have had an allergic reaction (such as a rash) to another cream or ointment which contained any of the ingredients in BACTROBAN ointment. Check with your doctor or pharmacist.
- the expiry date printed on the pack has passed**
- the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.**
- the ointment shows visible signs of deterioration. Check with your pharmacist.

#### **Tell your doctor if:**

You must tell your doctor if:

- you are allergic to foods, dyes, preservatives or any other medicines.**
- you have used BACTROBAN ointment before and became unwell.**
- you are taking any other medicines, including medicines you buy without a prescription.**
- you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. The use of BACTROBAN ointment has not been studied in pregnant women.
- you are breastfeeding. The use of BACTROBAN ointment has not been studied in women who are breastfeeding. If your doctor has prescribed it for a cracked nipple, wash BACTROBAN off thoroughly before breastfeeding.

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### How do I use BACTROBAN ointment?

#### **How much to use**

Use BACTROBAN ointment as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

#### **How to use it**

Always wash your hands before and after applying BACTROBAN ointment.

Squeeze a small amount onto your finger-tip and apply to the affected area three times each day for up to 10 days. Your doctor may tell you to cover the area with a dressing after you have applied BACTROBAN ointment.

### ***How long to use it for***

Use BACTROBAN ointment for as long as your doctor or pharmacist tells you to.

**Do not stop using BACTROBAN ointment, or change the dose without first checking with your doctor.**

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### **What do I do in cases of accidental ingestion? (Overdose)**

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**Immediately telephone your doctor or Poisons Information Centre (telephone 131126) for advice, if you think you or anyone else may have swallowed a large quantity of BACTROBAN ointment, even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.**

**If you are not sure what to do, contact your doctor or pharmacist. .**

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### **While you are using BACTROBAN ointment**

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#### ***Things you must do***

**Tell your doctor if, for any reason, you have not used your medicine exactly as directed.**

If you forget an application, apply some BACTROBAN ointment as soon as you can, then continue as before.

Otherwise, your doctor may think that it was not working as it should and change your treatment unnecessarily.

Stop using BACTROBAN ointment and tell your doctor if you develop an allergic reaction (such as a rash, local pain or swelling).

Do not use BACTROBAN ointment to treat infections in or near the eyes, nostrils (in babies) or mouth. If you have a cannulae (a tube that is inserted surgically into the body that allows for fluid to enter or escape): do not use BACTROBAN around it. If BACTROBAN ointment is accidentally applied to the eyes, wash the eyes thoroughly with water.

BACTROBAN ointment contains polyethylene glycol which can be absorbed by the body from open wounds and damaged skin. Polyethylene glycol is removed from the body by the kidneys. Do not use BACTROBAN ointment on large areas of broken or damaged skin, especially if you suffer from reduced kidney function.

Do not mix BACTROBAN ointment with any other preparation. They may prevent BACTROBAN ointment from working.

#### ***Things you must not do:***

**Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.**

**Do not use BACTROBAN ointment to treat any other complaints unless your doctor says to.**

**Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how BACTROBAN ointment affects you.**

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### **What are the side-effects?**

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**Check with your doctor as soon as possible if you think you are experiencing any side effects or allergic reactions due to taking BACTROBAN ointment, even if the problem is not listed below.**

Like other medicines, BACTROBAN ointment may cause some side effects. If they occur they are most likely to be minor and temporary. However, some may be serious and need medical attention.

The most commonly reported side effects are:

- Itching
- Dryness
- Burning
- Redness
- Stinging
- Pain
- Swelling

**Tell your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following:**

- Wheezing, swelling of the lips/mouth, difficulty in breathing, hayfever, lumpy rash (hives) or fainting. These could be a

**symptom of an allergic reaction.**

This is not a complete list of all possible side effects, Others may occur in some people and there may be some side effects not yet known.

**Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.**

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## **How do I store BACTROBAN ointment?**

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**Keep medicines out of the reach of children, such as in a locked cupboard.**

You should keep BACTROBAN ointment in the original pack at room temperature (below 25°C). Do not freeze the ointment.

**Do not leave in a car, on a window sill or in the bathroom.**

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## **Product description**

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### **What BACTROBAN ointment looks like**

BACTROBAN ointment is a white ointment supplied in 15g tubes.

### **Ingredients**

BACTROBAN ointment contains the active ingredient Mupirocin. BACTROBAN ointment also contains polyethylene glycol (Macrogol 400 and Macrogol 3350).

### **Sponsor**

**BACTROBAN ointment is supplied in New Zealand by:**

GlaxoSmithKline NZ Ltd  
AMP Centre  
Cnr Albert & Customs  
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NEW ZEALAND

### **Where to go for further information**

Pharmaceutical companies are not in a position to give people an individual diagnosis or medical advice. Your doctor or pharmacist is the best person to give you advice on the treatment of your condition.

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