

BACTROBAN OINTMENT

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I using BACTROBAN ointment?

BACTROBAN ointment contains the active ingredient mupirocin. 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 ointment is also used when infection occurs in skin damaged by eczema, dermatitis, psoriasis, herpes (cold sores), wounds, cuts, grazes, insect bites, minor burns etc.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using BACTROBAN ointment?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I use BACTROBAN ointment?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to mupirocin or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use BACTROBAN ointment?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with BACTROBAN ointment and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How do I use BACTROBAN ointment?

- The usual recommendation is for a small amount of BACTROBAN ointment to be applied to the affected area three times a day.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use BACTROBAN ointment?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using BACTROBAN ointment?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind any doctor, pharmacist or nurse you visit that you are using BACTROBAN ointment.• Tell your doctor if you have not used BACTROBAN ointment as directed.• Tell your doctor if you become pregnant while using BACTROBAN ointment.• Tell your doctor if you develop an allergic reaction (such as a rash, local pain or swelling).
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• Do not stop using BACTROBAN ointment, or change the dose without checking with your doctor.• Do not treat infections in or near the eyes, nostrils or mouth.• Do not use if the expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack has passed, or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Store BACTROBAN ointment in the original packaging below 25°C.• Do not freeze the ointment.• Do not leave in a car, on a window sill, or in the bathroom.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using BACTROBAN ointment?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Less serious side effects which have been reported include itching, dryness, burning, redness, stinging, pain and swelling. Serious side effects include allergic reaction and inflammation of the colon. For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

BACTROBAN OINTMENT

Active ingredient: Mupirocin (2% w/w)

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using BACTROBAN ointment. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using BACTROBAN ointment.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using BACTROBAN ointment?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use BACTROBAN ointment?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I use BACTROBAN ointment?](#)
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1. Why am I using BACTROBAN ointment?

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

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.

Your doctor may have prescribed BACTROBAN ointment for another reason.

There is no evidence that BACTROBAN ointment is addictive.

2. What should I know before I use BACTROBAN ointment?

Warnings

Do not use BACTROBAN ointment if:

- you are allergic to mupirocin, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- the expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack has passed, or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.
- you have large areas of broken or damaged skin in the treatment area, especially if you suffer from reduced kidney function. BACTROBAN ointment contains polyethylene glycol which can be absorbed by the

body from open wounds and damaged skin. Polyethylene is removed from the body by the kidneys.

Check with your doctor if you:

- are not sure whether you should start using this medicine.
- have any allergies to foods, dyes, preservatives or any other medicine.
- have any other medical conditions.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits with you.

If you are using BACTROBAN ointment on a cracked nipple, wash the nipple well before breast feeding your baby.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may interfere with BACTROBAN ointment and affect how it works.

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

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect BACTROBAN ointment.

4. How do I use BACTROBAN ointment?

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor or pharmacist carefully.

They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you have any questions about BACTROBAN ointment and how to use it, please ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

How much to use

- Use BACTROBAN ointment as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.
- The usual recommendation is for a small amount to be applied to the affected area three times a day.

When to use BACTROBAN ointment

- Use BACTROBAN ointment for as long as your doctor or pharmacist tells you to.
- BACTROBAN ointment is usually applied for up to 10 days.
- It is important that you take the full course of BACTROBAN ointment. Do not stop early as your symptoms may disappear before the infection is fully cleared.

How to apply BACTROBAN ointment

- Always wash your hands before and after applying BACTROBAN ointment.
- Squeeze a small amount onto your finger-tip and apply to the affected area.
- Your doctor may tell you to cover up the area with a dressing after you have applied BACTROBAN ointment.

If you forget to use BACTROBAN ointment

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

Do not use a double dose to make up for the dose you missed.

If you use too much BACTROBAN ointment (overdose)

If you think that you have used too much BACTROBAN ointment, or swallowed accidentally, you may need urgent medical attention.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

5. What should I know while using BACTROBAN ointment?

Things you should do

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

Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using BACTROBAN ointment.

Call your doctor straight away if you:

- have not used BACTROBAN ointment as directed. Otherwise your doctor may think that it was not working as it should and change your treatment unnecessarily.
- become pregnant while using BACTROBAN ointment.

Things you should 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.
- Do not stop using BACTROBAN ointment, or change the dose without first checking with your doctor.
- Do not treat infections in or near the eyes, nostrils or mouth. If BACTROBAN ointment is accidentally applied to the eyes, wash the eyes thoroughly with water.
- Do not use BACTROBAN ointment to treat areas of skin near tubes inserted into your body for the delivery or removal of fluid (cannulae). BACTROBAN ointment should not be used in combination with cannulae.

Looking after your medicine

Follow the instructions in the carton on how to take care of your medicine properly.

Store it in the original pack in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight where the temperature stays below 25°C. Do not freeze the ointment.

Do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine, it has expired or is damaged, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• itching• dryness• burning• redness• stinging• pain• swelling	Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<p>Immune system disorders and allergic reactions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Allergic reactions such as rash, hives or swelling can occur with the use of BACTROBAN ointment. Stop using BACTROBAN ointment and tell your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following symptoms:<ul style="list-style-type: none">wheezingswelling of the lips/mouthdifficulty in breathinghayfeverlumpy rash (hives)collapse or loss of consciousness (fainting) <p>Gastrointestinal disorders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Inflammation of the colon (large intestine). Symptoms include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">diarrhoea, usually with blood and mucousstomach painfever	<p>Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.</p>

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects via <https://pophealth.my.site.com/carmreportnz/s/>

By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What BACTROBAN ointment contains

Active ingredient	Mupirocin
Other ingredients	Macrogol 3350 Macrogol 400

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What BACTROBAN ointment looks like

BACTROBAN OINTMENT is a white ointment supplied in 15 g tubes (TT50-3810).

Who distributes BACTROBAN ointment

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