

Foban[®]

Fusidic Acid 2% cream & sodium fusidate 2% ointment

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet contains information about Foban Cream and Ointment. Please read it carefully before you start to use your medicine. Keep it, as you may want to read it again. The information in this leaflet answers some common questions. Your doctor or pharmacist has more information. This leaflet is not intended to take the place of discussion with your doctor.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if there is anything that is worrying you or you do not understand.

What is Foban used for?

Foban Cream and Ointment contain an antibiotic (called fusidic acid or sodium fusidate). This is an antibiotic used to treat skin infections.

Examples of such infections are:

- Impetigo - contagious skin infections with blisters or red spots
- infected cuts and abrasions
- infected eczema
- infected contact dermatitis

Foban is effective only against those bacteria which fusidic acid or sodium fusidate can kill. Do not use Foban for other skin conditions, unless your doctor has told you to.

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

Before you use Foban cream and ointment

Do not use Foban if:

- You have an allergy to Foban cream, ointment, fusidic acid or sodium fusidate or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- The packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.
- The expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack has passed. If you use this medicine after the expiry date has passed, it may not work.

If you are not sure whether you should start using Foban cream or ointment, contact your doctor.

Do not give this medicine to anyone else. Your doctor has prescribed it specifically for you and your condition.

Before you start to use Foban cream or ointment

Tell your doctor if:

- You have any allergies to any other medicines or any other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes.
- You are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.
- You are breast-feeding or planning to breastfeed.

How to use Foban

Follow your doctor's instructions about Foban cream or ointment, as regards

- How much to apply *and*
- When to use the cream or ointment

What is the dosage of Foban

The recommended dosage is:

- Uncovered skin - apply gently three or four time daily
- Covered skin - less frequent applications as recommended by your doctor

In case of an overdose

Foban cream or ointment is for use on the skin. It is not to be swallowed. It is most unlikely that you would develop an overdose from the recommended use of Foban cream or ointment. However, if anyone swallows a quantity of Foban, immediately contact your doctor or call the New Zealand National Poison Centre on 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766 or go to the emergency department of your nearest hospital. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. The person who has swallowed the Foban may need urgent medical attention.

While you are using Foban cream or ointment

Things you must do:

- If the symptoms of your infection do not improve within a few days, or they become worse, tell your doctor.
- If you develop a skin rash, itching or swelling of the face, lips or tongue tell your doctor immediately, as you may be having an allergic reaction to Foban. Swelling of the face, lips or tongue may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing.
- If you become pregnant while you are using Foban cream or ointment tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Things to be careful of

Foban Ointment should not be used near the eye and care should be taken when Foban cream is used near the eye.

Do not give Foban cream or ointment to anyone else, even if they appear to have the same condition as you.

Do not use Foban cream or ointment to treat any other complaints. This includes eye infections.

Side effects

Foban Cream and Ointment are generally well tolerated and not associated with any serious side effects. However, a mild stinging and irritation may be experienced for a short time after application.

If you experience prolonged irritation of the skin or any other ill effects, tell your pharmacist or doctor and ask if you should continue with your medication

How to store Foban

Keep your Foban cream or ointment in the original packaging.

Store Foban in a cool dry place, below 30°C. Do not store Foban in the bathroom or near the sink, or in a car on a hot day. Keep Foban where children cannot reach it.

List of ingredients

Foban cream contains: fusidic acid 2%, liquid paraffin, white soft paraffin, cetomacrogol 1000, cetostearyl alcohol, propylene glycol, methyl and propyl paraben and water.

Foban ointment contains: sodium fusidate 2 %, liquid paraffin, white soft paraffin

Further information

Foban is only available if prescribed by a doctor.

Foban is available in aluminium tubes of 15 gram.

If you have any more questions or are unsure about anything, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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