

DP Fusidic Acid Cream

Fusidic Acid

20 mg/g cream

What is in this leaflet

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start using DP Fusidic Acid Cream

This leaflet answers some common questions about DP Fusidic Acid Cream. 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 risks of you using DP Fusidic Acid Cream against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

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

Keep this leaflet with the medicine. You may need to read it again.

What DP Fusidic Acid Cream is used for

The active ingredient of DP Fusidic Acid Cream is fusidic acid.

DP Fusidic Acid Cream should be used on the skin for the local treatment of infections caused by bacteria that are sensitive to fusidic acid such as impetigo (a weeping, crusty and swollen patch of skin), infected cuts and abrasions, infected contact dermatitis (inflammation of the skin), infected eczema.

Fusidic Acid Cream belongs to a group of medicines called antibiotics. It works by preventing bacterial protein synthesis and

therefore killing the bacteria causing the infection.

Your doctor may have prescribed DP Fusidic Acid Cream for another reason.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why DP Fusidic Acid Cream has been prescribed for you.

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

Before you use DP Fusidic Acid Cream

When you must not use it

Do not use DP Fusidic Acid Cream if you have an allergy to:

- any medicine containing fusidic acid or a class of medicines called antibiotics for topical use
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:

- difficulty in breathing or wheezing
- shortness of breath
- swelling of the face, tongue, lips, or other parts of the body
- hives on the skin, rash, or itching

Do not use DP Fusidic Acid Cream if:

- the infection is caused by non-susceptible organisms, in particular, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Do not use it after the expiry date (EXP) printed on the back. If you use it after the expiry date has passed, it may not work as well.

Do not use it if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tempering.

If you are not sure whether you should start using DP Fusidic Acid Cream, talk to your doctor.

Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if:

- 1. you use DP Fusidic Acid Cream on the face.** The cream should not be applied in or near the eye area because it can lead to irritation. DP Fusidic Acid Cream contains butylhydroxyanisole, cetyl alcohol and potassium sorbate which may cause local skin reactions (e.g. contact dermatitis).
- 2. if you have repeatedly used the cream or have used it for a long time.** This may increase the risk of skin hypersensitivity and antibiotic resistance.
- 3. you have allergies to:**
 - Any other medicines including DP Fusidic Acid Cream.
 - Any other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dye.
- 4. you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.**
Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.
- 5. you are breastfeeding planning to breastfeed.**
Using DP Fusidic Acid Cream topically and breast-feeding is unlikely to harm your baby. Avoid applying topical DP Fusidic Acid Cream on the breast. Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you start using DP Fusidic Acid Cream.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking or using any other medicines, including medicines that you

buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop. You should also tell any health professional who is prescribing a new medication for you that you are using DP Fusidic Acid Cream.

There is no known effect of DP Fusidic Acid Cream with other medicines.

How to use DP Fusidic Acid Cream

How much to use

Your doctor will tell you much you should be using DP Fusidic Acid Cream. Always use exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

If you use the wrong dose, DP Fusidic Acid Cream may not work as well, and your problem may not improve.

Usually a small amount of cream is applied to the infected skin area three or four times each day. If your doctor advises you to use a sterile bandage or dressing, you usually can reduce the number of applications. A nappy on a baby may act as a dressing. Treatment duration depends on the type of infection and the result of the treatment and is usually 1 to 2 weeks, although it may be longer for some people. Follow the advice of your doctor.

How to use it

DP Fusidic Acid Cream is for external use, do not swallow. DP Fusidic Acid Cream should be applied to the skin.

When to use it

Your doctor will tell you how often you should be using DP Fusidic Acid Cream.

How long to use it

Continue using your medicine for as long as your doctor tells you.

If you forget to use it

Apply the usual amount of DP Fusidic Acid Cream as soon as you remember.

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

While you are using DP Fusidic Acid Cream

Things you must do

If symptoms of your infection persist or they become worse after a few days of treatment, tell your doctor.

If you develop a skin rash, itching or swelling of the face, lips or tongue, or have difficulty swallowing or breathing after applying the cream, tell your doctor immediately, as you may be having an allergic reaction to fusidic acid cream.

If you become pregnant while you are using fusidic acid cream, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

If you are about to be started on any new medicine tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are using fusidic acid cream.

Things you must not do

Do not give DP Fusidic Acid Cream to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

Do not stop using DP Fusidic Acid Cream, or lower the dosage, without checking with your doctor.

Things to be careful of

Fusidic acid cream should not be applied in or near the eye because it can lead to a prickling feeling in the eye.

If you accidentally get any cream in your eye, wash it out with cold water immediately, then rinse your eye with eye wash if possible. If you start to have any problems with your sight or if your eye is sore, contact your doctor.

If you use the cream for a long time or in large amounts, it may increase the chance of getting side effects. Your skin may get more sensitive to the cream.

DP Fusidic Acid Cream does not affect your ability to drive or operate machinery.

In case of overdose

If you use too much (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor or the National Poisons Centre (telephone 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766) or go to accident and emergency at your nearest hospital, if you think that you or anyone else may have used too much DP Fusidic Acid Cream.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

Side effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are using DP Fusidic Acid Cream.

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the adverse effects.

The most frequently reported side effects are various skin reactions, such as pruritus and rash, followed by application side conditions such as pain and irritation.

Other rare side effects, such as conjunctivitis, swelling or blistering of skin have been reported.

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

Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

If any of the following happen, stop using DP Fusidic Acid Cream and tell your doctor immediately, or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital:

- Swelling of the face, lips, mouth or throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing
- Hives

These are very serious side effects. If you have them, you may have had a serious allergic reaction to DP Fusidic Acid Cream. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation. These side effects are very rare.

Tell your doctor if you notice any other effects. Other adverse effects not listed above may also occur in some patients.

After using DP Fusidic Acid Cream

Storage

Store DP Fusidic Acid Cream at or below 25°C.

Do not store DP Fusidic Acid Cream in the bathroom or near a sink. Do not leave it in the car or on a windowsill. Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where children cannot reach it. A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Disposal

Discard the tube after 4 weeks of first opening even if there is still some cream left in it.

If your doctor tells you to stop using this medicine or they have passed their expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any unused medicine. **Return any unused medicine to your pharmacist.**

Product description

What it looks like

Aluminium tube with HDPE screw cap
Pack size: 15 g and 30 g.
Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Ingredients

Active ingredient(s):

- Each gram of DP Fusidic Acid Cream contains fusidic acid 20.35 mg, as hydrate, equivalent to fusidic acid 20 mg.

Inactive ingredients:

- butylated hydroxyanisole, cetyl alcohol, glycerol, hydrochloric acid, liquid paraffin, polysorbate 60, potassium sorbate, purified water, white soft paraffin.

Sponsor details

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