

CONSUMER MEDICINE INFORMATION

Flucloxin®

*flucloxacillin 250 mg, 500 mg and 1 g
powder for solution for injection*

- This leaflet answers some common questions about Flucloxin® injection.
- If you have any questions, concerns or experience any side effect, then talk to your doctor or pharmacist

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1. What is Flucloxin® and what is it used for?

Flucloxin® is an antibiotic which belongs to a group of medicines called penicillins. These medicines work by killing bacteria that cause infections. Flucloxin® Injection is used for the treatment of skin and soft tissue infections, for example: infections in joints or within the lining of the heart (endocarditis), respiratory tract or urinary tract or middle ear infections, and infected blood. It is also used to prevent infections that can occur during major surgical operations such as heart and lung operations (cardiothoracic surgery) and bone, joint and muscle operations (orthopaedic surgery).

2. Before you take Flucloxin®

You should not be given Flucloxin® Injection if you:

- are allergic to flucloxacillin, cephalosporins, penicillin, or any other β -lactam antibiotic.
- have had liver problems or jaundice (yellow skin and whites of eyes) when you have been given flucloxacillin previously.

Tell your doctor before being given Flucloxin® Injection if you:

- have had any allergies especially to any other drugs (particularly penicillin)
- are suffering from liver or kidney problems
- have heart failure
- taking other medicines: tell your doctor or nurse if taking any other medicines, including those you may have bought yourself without a prescription. In particular check with your doctor if you are taking any of the following:
 - Oral contraceptives that contain oestrogen- if you are using this type of medicine you should take additional precautions to prevent pregnancy
 - Probenecid, a medicine taken to treat gout
 - Methotrexate, medicine taken to treat cancer or autoimmune disorders
 - Certain other “bacteriostatic” antibiotics (antibiotics that stop bacteria growing but do not kill them), such as chloramphenicol and tetracycline
 - Various laboratory tests- Flucloxin® Injection may interfere with some tests.

If you have any doubts about whether you should be given this medicine then talk to your doctor.

Special care should be taken in new-born or premature babies to avoid overdose or high levels of bilirubin, a chemical in the blood which can lead to brain damage

Pregnancy and breast-feeding:

You should let your doctor know immediately if you are pregnant or trying for a baby before this medicine is administered.

You should let your doctor know if you are breastfeeding or want to start breast-feeding before receiving Flucloxin® Injection.

Driving and using machines:

During treatment with Flucloxin® Injection, undesirable effects may occur which may influence the ability to drive and use machines.

sodium content

Flucloxin® contains sodium and should be taken into consideration by patients on a controlled sodium diet.

3. How to take Flucloxin®

Your doctor or nurse will prepare your injection by mixing the Flucloxin® Injection powder with a liquid such as water for injections, either in the vial or in another container. The mixture is usually injected into a muscle or into a vein where it will be given slowly over three to four minutes using a syringe or drip (infusion). In certain circumstances, it can also be injected directly into an infected joint or the chest wall. Dosage varies according to type of infection, severity and profile of the patient but usual adult dose by intramuscular or intravenous injection is 250mg every six hours.

Severe kidney disease

If you have severe kidney failure you may be given a lower dosage.

If you do not understand, or are in any doubt, ask your doctor or nurse

If you think you may have received too much Flucloxin® Injection, please tell your doctor or nurse immediately.

4. Possible side effects of Flucloxin®

Flucloxin® Injection, like all medicines, can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. **You must inform your doctor immediately if the following symptoms occur as they may be a sign of an allergic or sensitivity reaction:**

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| • swelling of the face, throat or hands | • redness and blistering of the skin |
| • itching | • rash |
| • fever | • aching joints |
| • difficulty breathing | • kidney problems |
| • anaemia | |

Also tell your doctor immediately if you develop any of the following:

- severe diarrhoea: as Flucloxin® can affect the normal gut bacteria, causing a new infection (pseudomembranous colitis)
- upper abdomen tenderness which may indicate liver inflammation or jaundice-yellowing of skin or whites of the eye.

You should tell your doctor if you develop any of the symptoms above, even if they occur some

weeks after you have stopped having the injections.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Flucloxin®

Flucloxin® Injection must be kept out of the reach and sight of children.

- Flucloxin® should not be used beyond the expiry date given on the vial.
- Your doctor, nurse or pharmacist will be responsible for storing and preparing Injection before use
- The medicine should not be used if it shows any signs of deterioration such as going cloudy.
- Store at or below 25°C.
- Once the solution has been diluted the product should be used immediately.

Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of Flucloxin® no longer required.

6. Further information

What Flucloxin® Injection contains

Each vial contains 250mg, 500mg or 1g of the active ingredient flucloxacillin as sodium flucloxacillin monohydrate. There are no other ingredients.

Flucloxin® is a white powder for solution for injection.

Flucloxin® is available in packs of 5 or 10 vials. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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