

MUPIDER®

Mupirocin ointment 2% w/w

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet?

Please read this leaflet carefully before you use Mupider ointment.

This leaflet answers some of the common questions about Mupider 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 Mupider 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.

What Mupider is used for

Mupider 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.

Mupider ointment is used for the treatment of certain types of skin infections such as school sores (impetigo), infection of the hair root and boils.

Mupider is also used when infection occurs in skin damaged by eczema, dermatitis, psoriasis, herpes (cold sores), wounds, cuts, grazes, insect bites, minor burns etc. Mupider 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 it for another reason.

Before you use Mupider

When you must not use it

Do not use Mupider 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 Mupider ointment 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 Mupider ointment.
- 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.

Tell your doctor if:

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

How to use Mupider

How much to use

Use Mupider ointment as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

How to use it

Always wash your hands before and after applying Mupider 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 Mupider ointment.

How long to use it

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

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

If you forget to use it

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

While you are using Mupider

Things you must do

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are using Mupider ointment.

Tell any other doctors, dentists, and pharmacists who treat you that you are using this medicine.

If you become pregnant while using this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.

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

If you forget an application, apply Mupider 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 Mupider ointment and tell your doctor if you develop an allergic reaction (such as a rash, local pain or swelling).

Do not use Mupider ointment to treat infections in or near the eyes, nostrils (in babies) or mouth.

If Mupider ointment is accidentally applied to the eyes, wash the eyes thoroughly with water.

If you have a cannula (a tube that is inserted surgically into the body that allows for fluid to enter or escape), do not use Mupider around it.

Do not use Mupider ointment on large areas of broken or damaged skin, especially if you suffer from reduced kidney function. Mupider 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 mix Mupider ointment with any other preparation. They may prevent Mupider from working.

Tell your doctor immediately if you get serious or prolonged diarrhoea, usually with blood and mucus, stomach pain or fever. This is because antibiotics such as Mupider ointment can cause inflammation of the colon (large intestine).

Keep all of your doctor's appointments so that your progress can be checked.

Things you must not do

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

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

Do not stop using your medicine or lower the dosage without checking with your doctor.

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

In case of accidental ingestion (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 swallowed large quantities of Mupider ointment.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

Side effects

Tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are using Mupider ointment.

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

Like other medicines, Mupider 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, hay fever, 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.

After using Mupider

Storage

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

Keep Mupider ointment in the original pack below 25°C. Do not freeze the ointment. Once opened, do not use after 6 months.

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

Disposal

Return any unused medicine as well as any medicine that is past its expiry date (as shown on the packaging) to your pharmacist.

Product description

What it looks like

Mupider ointment is a white ointment supplied in 5g or 15g tubes.

Ingredients

Mupider ointment contains the active ingredient mupirocin.

Mupider ointment also contains polyethylene glycol

(Macrogol 400 and Macrogol 3350).

Sponsor details

Mupider ointment is supplied in New Zealand by:

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