Fucidin 20 mg/g ointment

What is Fucidin and what it is used for
Fucidin® Ointment contains sodium fusidate. It is a type of antibiotic. Fucidin® Ointment works by killing germs (bacteria) that cause infections. Fucidin® Ointment is used to treat conditions where the skin is infected by germs (bacteria), such as:
- Impetigo (a weeping, crusty and swollen patch of skin)
- Infected dermatitis (inflammation of the skin) and spots
- Infected cuts and grazes.

Do not use Fucidin® Ointment
- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to fusidic acid or sodium fusidate.
- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to any of the other ingredients in your medicine. You can find a list of these ingredients in section 6 of this leaflet.

Take special care with Fucidin® Ointment
- Take special care if you are going to use this medicine near your eyes or the eyes of a child.
- If you use the ointment over a long time or in large amounts it may make the chance of getting any side effects higher. Also your skin may get more sensitive to this medicine.

Taking other medicines
- Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, or have recently taken any other medicines. This includes any medicines which you have bought without a prescription.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding
- Please ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using Fucidin® Ointment:
  - If you are pregnant, or think you are pregnant. You must not use your medicine for a long time or in large amounts.
  - If you are breast-feeding.

Tell your doctor if you become pregnant while using this medicine.

Driving and using machines
Usually your medicine will have very little effect on your ability to drive or use machines.
Check with your doctor if you feel any side effect that may stop you from driving or using machines.

How to use
Always use Fucidin® Ointment exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

How to put on Fucidin® Ointment
This medicine is only for using on your skin or the skin of a child. Do not swallow it. Do not put it inside your body.
Remove the cap. Check the seal is not broken before you first use the ointment. Then push the spike in the cap through the seal on the tube.
Always wash your hands before using Fucidin® Ointment. Rub the medicine gently on the skin. If you use it on your face be careful to avoid your eyes.

Unless you are using the ointment to treat your hands, always wash your hands after using Fucidin® Ointment. If you accidentally get any medicine in your eye, wash it out with cold water straight away. Then bathe your eye with eyewash if possible. Your eye may sting.
If you start to have any problems with your sight or your eye is sore, contact your doctor immediately.

How much Fucidin® Ointment to use
Your doctor will tell you how much Fucidin® Ointment to use.
Usually, you should use this medicine three or four times each day. If you have been told to cover the skin with any dressings or bandages you may not need to use the medicine so often. A nappy on a baby may act as a dressing.
Follow the advice of your doctor.

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What to do if you use more Fucidin® Ointment than you should
If you accidentally apply too much ointment or a small quantity of the ointment is accidentally swallowed, it is unlikely to cause any harm. If a larger quantity of the ointment is accidentally swallowed or you are worried contact your doctor, pharmacist or A+E department for advice.

If you forget to use Fucidin® Ointment
If you forget to use this medicine, use it as soon as you remember. Then next use this medicine at the usual time.
If you have any further questions about using this medicine, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Possible side effects
Like all medicines, Fucidin® Ointment can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Important side effects to look out for:
You must get urgent medical help if you have any of the following symptoms. You may be having an allergic reaction:
- You have difficulty breathing
- Your face or throat swell
- Your skin develops a severe rash.

Other possible side effects:
Uncommon side effects (probably affect less than 1 in 100 people)
- Irritation at site of application (including pain, burning, stinging and skin redness)
- Itching
- Rash

Rare side effects (probably affect less than 1 in 1,000 people)
- Conjunctivitis

Side effects where the number of people affected is not known:
- Hives
- Eczema
If any of the side effects become serious or you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

How to store
- Keep out of the reach and the sight of children.
- Do not use Fucidin® Ointment after the expiry date on the carton.