

# BACTROBAN CREAM

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

### 1. Why am I using BACTROBAN cream?

BACTROBAN cream contains the active ingredient mupirocin calcium. BACTROBAN cream is used to treat small wounds which have become infected. These wounds may include small cuts and abrasions or stitches.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using BACTROBAN cream?](#) in the full CMI.

### 2. What should I know before I use BACTROBAN cream?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to mupirocin calcium or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

**Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, or are breastfeeding.**

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use BACTROBAN cream?](#) in the full CMI.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with BACTROBAN cream and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

### 4. How do I use BACTROBAN cream?

- The usual recommendation is for a small amount of BACTROBAN cream to be applied to the affected area three times a day. Your doctor or pharmacist will tell you how many times to apply the cream.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use BACTROBAN cream?](#) in the full CMI.

### 5. What should I know while using BACTROBAN cream?

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| <b>Things you should do</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remind any doctor or pharmacist you visit that you are using BACTROBAN cream.</li><li>• Tell your doctor if you have not used BACTROBAN cream as directed.</li><li>• Tell your doctor if you become pregnant while using BACTROBAN cream.</li><li>• Tell your doctor if you develop an allergic reaction (such as a rash, local pain or swelling).</li><li>• Take the full course of BACTROBAN cream.</li></ul>                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Things you should not do</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.</li><li>• Do not use BACTROBAN cream to treat any other complaints unless your doctor says to.</li><li>• Do not stop using BACTROBAN cream, or change the dose, without checking with your doctor.</li><li>• Do not use BACTROBAN cream to treat infections in or near the eyes, nostrils or mouth.</li><li>• Do not use if the expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack has passed, or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.</li></ul> |
| <b>Looking after your medicine</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Store BACTROBAN cream in the original packaging below 25°C.</li><li>• Do not freeze the cream.</li><li>• Do not leave in a car, on a window sill, or in the bathroom.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using BACTROBAN cream?](#) in the full CMI.

### 6. Are there any side effects?

Less serious side effects which have been reported include itching, redness and stinging of the skin. Serious side effects include allergic reaction or inflammation of the colon. For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

# BACTROBAN CREAM

Active ingredient: Mupirocin calcium (2% w/w)

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using BACTROBAN cream. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using BACTROBAN cream.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

1. [Why am I using BACTROBAN cream?](#)
2. [What should I know before I use BACTROBAN cream?](#)
3. [What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
4. [How do I use BACTROBAN](#)
5. [What should I know while using BACTROBAN cream?](#)
6. [Are there any side effects?](#)
7. [Product details](#)

### 1. Why am I using BACTROBAN cream?

**BACTROBAN cream contains the active ingredient mupirocin calcium (2% w/w).** Mupirocin calcium belongs to a group of medicines called antibiotics. Antibiotics work by killing bacteria which can cause infection.

**BACTROBAN cream is used to treat small wounds which have become infected. These wounds may include small cuts and abrasions or stitches.**

BACTROBAN cream 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 BACTROBAN cream for another reason.

There is no evidence that BACTROBAN cream is addictive.

### 2. What should I know before I use BACTROBAN cream?

#### Warnings

**Do not use BACTROBAN cream if:**

- you are allergic to mupirocin calcium, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- the expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack has passed, or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.
- you have large areas of broken or damaged skin in the treatment area, especially if you suffer from reduced kidney function.

**Check with your doctor if you:**

- are not sure whether you should start using this medicine.

- have any allergies to foods, dyes, preservatives or any other medicine.
- take any medicines for any other condition.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

#### Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Your doctor will discuss the risks and benefits with you.

If you are using BACTROBAN cream on a cracked nipple, wash the nipple well before breastfeeding your baby.

#### Children

The use of BACTROBAN cream in children under two years of age is not recommended.

### 3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

**Some medicines may interfere with BACTROBAN cream and affect how it works.**

Do not mix BACTROBAN cream with any other preparation. This may prevent BACTROBAN cream from working.

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect BACTROBAN cream.**

### 4. How do I use BACTROBAN cream?

Follow your doctor's instructions about how and when to use BACTROBAN cream.

The instructions from your doctor may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you have any questions about BACTROBAN cream and how to use it, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

#### How much to use

- use BACTROBAN cream as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.
- the usual recommendation is for a small amount to be applied to the affected area.

## When to use BACTROBAN cream

- use BACTROBAN cream for as long as your doctor or pharmacist tells you to.
- BACTROBAN cream is usually applied three times a day for up to 10 days. Your doctor will tell you how many times to apply the ointment.
- it is important that you take the full course of BACTROBAN cream. Do not stop early as your symptoms may disappear before the infection is fully treated.

## How to apply BACTROBAN cream

- always wash your hands before and after applying BACTROBAN cream.
- with a piece of clean cotton wool or a gauze swab, apply a small quantity of BACTROBAN cream to cover the affected area.
- after applying the cream, you may cover the treated area with a sterile bandage or gauze dressing, unless your doctor has told you to leave it uncovered.

## If you forget to use BACTROBAN cream

If you forget an application, apply some BACTROBAN cream as soon as you remember, then continue as before.

Do not use a double dose to make up for the dose you missed.

## If you use too much BACTROBAN cream (overdose)

If you think that you have used too much BACTROBAN cream, or have swallowed it accidentally, you may need urgent medical attention.

### You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (by calling 13 11 26 in Australia), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

**You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.**

## 5. What should I know while using BACTROBAN cream?

### Things you should do:

- stop using BACTROBAN cream and tell your doctor if you develop an allergic reaction (such as a rash, local pain or swelling).
- keep the cream away from your eyes, nose or mouth unless directed by your doctor. If BACTROBAN cream is accidentally applied to the eyes, wash the eyes thoroughly with water.
- remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using BACTROBAN CREAM.

## Call your doctor straight away if you:

- have not used BACTROBAN cream as directed. Otherwise, your doctor may think it has not worked as it should and change your treatment unnecessarily.
- become pregnant while using BACTROBAN cream.

## Things you should not do:

- do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.
- do not stop using BACTROBAN cream, or change the dose, without first checking with your doctor.
- do not use BACTROBAN CREAM to treat any other complaints unless your doctor says to.
- do not treat infections in or near the eyes, nostrils or mouth unless directed by your doctor.
- do not use BACTROBAN cream to treat areas of skin near tubes inserted into your body for the delivery or removal of fluid (cannulae). BACTROBAN cream should not be used in combination with cannulae.

## Looking after your medicine

Follow the instructions in the carton on how to take care of your medicine properly.

Store it in the original pack in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight where the temperature stays below 25°C. Do not freeze the cream.

Do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.

## Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

## Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine, it has expired or is damaged, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

## 6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

### Less serious side effects

| Less serious side effects                                                                                                                                                                  | What to do                                                                         |
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| <b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• itching</li><li>• redness</li><li>• stinging of the skin</li></ul> <b>Nervous system disorders:</b> | <b>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and</b> |

| Less serious side effects                                                                                                                                                 | What to do      |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>headache</li> </ul> <b>Gastrointestinal disorders:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>nausea</li> <li>diarrhoea</li> </ul> | they worry you. |

### Serious side effects

| Serious side effects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | What to do                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Immune system disorders and allergic reactions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>allergic reactions such as rash, hives or swelling can occur with the use of BACTROBAN cream. Stop using BACTROBAN cream and tell your doctor immediately if you notice any of the following symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>wheezing</li> <li>swelling of the lips/mouth</li> <li>difficulty in breathing</li> <li>hayfever</li> <li>lumpy rash (hives)</li> <li>fainting</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Gastrointestinal disorders:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>inflammation of the colon (large intestine). Symptoms include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>diarrhoea, usually with blood and mucous</li> <li>stomach pain</li> <li>fever</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects. |

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.**

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

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

### Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at [www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems](http://www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems). By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.**

## 7. Product details

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

### What BACTROBAN cream contains

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| <b>Active ingredient</b> | Mupirocin calcium                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Other ingredients</b> | Xanthan gum<br>Liquid paraffin<br>Cetomacrogol 1000<br>Stearyl alcohol<br>Cetyl alcohol<br>Phenoxyethanol<br>Benzyl alcohol<br>Purified water |

**Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.**

### What BACTROBAN cream looks like

BACTROBAN cream is a white cream supplied in 15 g tubes (AUST R 63542).

### Who distributes BACTROBAN cream

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