Fucidin® Tablets

## What is this medicine?
Fucidin Tablets are used to treat infections such as:
- Infections connected with the condition cystic fibrosis.
- Infections of the lungs such as pneumonia.
- Infections of the bone and heart tissue.
- Infections of the blood such as septicaemia.
- Infections of the skin and wounds.

Fucidin Tablets work by killing germs (bacteria) that cause infections.

## How to take Fucidin Tablets
The recommended dose is:
- Other infections: 2 tablets, 3 times each day.
- Skin infections: 1 tablet twice each day. Take for 5 to 10 days.

The recommended dose varies depending on the severity of the infection:
- In severe infections, your doctor may increase the dose.
- Other infections: 2 tablets, 3 times each day.

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## What you need to know before you take Fucidin Tablets
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- Infections of the bone and heart tissue.
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- Infections connected with the condition cystic fibrosis.

## How to store Fucidin Tablets
- Store at room temperature, 2-8°C.
- Do not store in the fridge.
- Keep the medicine out of the reach of children.
- Do not freeze the medicine.

## What to do if you take too much Fucidin Tablets
- Pain, heartburn and nausea (feeling sick) if you take too many tablets.
- You may experience a sudden onset of vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach pain, and tenderness or pain.

## What to do if you forget to take Fucidin Tablets
- You may experience a sudden onset of vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach pain, and tenderness or pain.

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Tell your doctor straight away if you have taken more tablets than you should. You may need to stop taking this medicine.

If you forget to take Fucidin Tablets
If you forget to take the tablets at the right time, take them as soon as you remember. Then next take this medicine at the usual time.

Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop taking Fucidin Tablets
It is very important to take all the medicine that your doctor has told you to take. You must finish this medicine even if you feel better. You must do this because otherwise your infection may come back.

If you have any further questions about taking this medicine, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects
Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Important serious side effects to look out for:
Tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately if any of the following happen. You may need to stop your treatment:
• You have difficulty breathing
• Your face or throat swell
• Your skin develops a severe rash.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately if any of the following happen. You may be developing a condition called rhodanodysplasia:
• You develop muscle weakness
• You develop muscle pain
• You develop muscle tenderness.

Problems with your liver or kidneys. Tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately if any of the following happen:
• Your skin or the whites of your eyes appear yellow
• You are not passing water.

The level of some cells in your blood may change. Tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately if any of the following happen:
• Skin redness.
• Itchy rash
• Loss of appetite
• Upper right hand side stomach pain
• Pale stools
• Diarrhoea.
• Fatigue
• Headache
• Dark urine
• Heartburn

A few cases have been reported of serious skin reactions after taking Fucidin, which may develop into potentially life-threatening skin reactions if not treated. Tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms. The frequency of these side effects is not known (cannot be estimated from the available data):
• Serious skin rashes including Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis. These can appear as reddish target-like macules or circular patches often with central blisters on the trunk, skin peeling, ulcers of mouth, tongue, genitals and eyes and can be preceded by fever and flu-like symptoms. Stop using Fucidin Tablets if you develop these symptoms and contact your doctor or seek medical attention immediately. See also section 2.

• Widespread rash, high body temperature, liver enzyme elevations, blood abnormalities (eosinophilia), enlarged lymph nodes and other body organs involvement (Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms which is also known as DRESS or drug hypersensitivity syndrome). Stop using Fucidin Tablets if you develop these symptoms and contact your doctor or seek medical attention immediately. See also section 2.

• A red, scaly widespread rash with bumps under the skin and blisters accompanied by fever at the initiation of treatment (acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis). Stop using Fucidin Tablets if you develop these symptoms and contact your doctor or seek medical attention immediately.

The following less serious side effects have also been reported. If any of them last a long time or cause problems, you should tell your doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible:

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people):
• Headache
• Stomach pain or discomfort
• Heartburn
• Nausea
• Fatigue

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people):
• Swelling
• Headache
• Pale stools
• Dark urine
• Upper right hand side stomach pain
• Loss of appetite
• Itchy rash
• Itching
• Rash
• Skin redness.

Reporting of side effects
If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card on the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Fucidin Tablets

• Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.
• Do not use Fucidin Tablets after the expiry date which is stated on the blister and carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
• This medicine does not require any special storage conditions.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Fucidin Tablets contain

The active substance is sodium fusidate. Fucidin Tablets contain 250 mg of sodium fusidate in each tablet.

• The other ingredients are crospovidone, hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, cellulose microcrystalline, silica, talc, titanium dioxide (E171) and all-rac-α-tocopherol.

You can find important information about some of the ingredients in your medicine near the end of section 2 of this leaflet.

What Fucidin Tablets look like and contents of the pack

Fucidin Tablets are white to off-white glycoahar matted oval film-coated tablets.

Fucidin Tablets come in blister packs of 2, 4, 10 and 100. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer


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