

APO-MUPIROCIN

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 APO-MUPIROCIN?

APO-MUPIROCIN ointment contains the active ingredient mupirocin. APO-MUPIROCIN ointment is used to treat mild impetigo (school sores).

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

2. What should I know before I use APO-MUPIROCIN?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to mupirocin 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, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

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

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with APO-MUPIROCIN ointment 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 APO-MUPIROCIN?

- Always wash your hands before and after applying APO-MUPIROCIN ointment.
- A small amount of APO-MUPIROCIN ointment should be applied to the affected area three times daily. The area treated may be covered with gauze dressing if desired, unless your doctor has told you to leave it uncovered.
- Usually treatment should not continue for more than 10 days.

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

5. What should I know while using APO-MUPIROCIN?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using APO-MUPIROCIN ointment.• Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or are planning to become pregnant.• Tell your doctor if you are breastfeeding or are planning to breastfeed.• Tell your doctor if you are about to have any blood tests or are going to have surgery, an anaesthetic or are going into hospital.• Do not use this medicine to treat infections in or near the eyes, nostrils or mouth or near tubes inserted into your body for the delivery or removal of fluid (cannulae).
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.• Do not use your medicine to treat any other condition unless your doctor tells you to.• Do not stop using your medicine, or change the dosage, without first checking with your doctor.• Do not mix this medicine with any other topical medicines.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep your medicine in its original packaging until it is time to take it.• Keep your medicine in a cool dry place where the temperature will stay below 25°C.

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

6. Are there any side effects?

Common side effects include: itching, dryness, redness and stinging.

More serious side effects include: swelling, itching, burning or pain in the area where mupirocin ointment has been applied.

Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include: cough, shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue, throat or other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin; fainting or hay fever-like symptoms.

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.

APO-MUPIROCIN

Active ingredient: mupirocin

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using APO-MUPIROCIN. **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 APO-MUPIROCIN.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using APO-MUPIROCIN?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use APO-MUPIROCIN?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
- [4. How do I use APO-MUPIROCIN?](#)
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1. Why am I using APO-MUPIROCIN?

APO-MUPIROCIN contains the active ingredient mupirocin. APO-MUPIROCIN is an antibiotic. Antibiotics work by killing bacteria which can cause infection.

APO-MUPIROCIN ointment is used to treat mild impetigo, also known as school sores.

2. What should I know before I use APO MUPIROCIN?

Warnings

Do not use APO-MUPIROCIN:

- If you are allergic to mupirocin, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include: cough, shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue, throat or other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin; fainting; or hay fever-like symptoms.
If you think you are having an allergic reaction, do not use any more of the medicine and contact your doctor immediately or go to the Accident and Emergency department at the nearest hospital.
- to treat infections in or near the eyes, nostrils or mouth. If this medicine is accidentally applied to the eyes, wash the eyes thoroughly with water.
- to treat areas of skin near tubes inserted into your body for the delivery or removal of fluid (cannulae). This medicine should not be used in combination with cannulae.

Mupirocin can cause inflammation of the colon (large intestine), causing diarrhoea, usually with blood and mucus, stomach pain, fever (pseudomembranous colitis).

Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you get any of these symptoms.

This medicine should not be used for children under 2 years of age.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions, especially moderate or severe renal impairment;
- are planning to have surgery or an anaesthetic
- are currently receiving or are planning to receive dental treatment.
- have any allergies to medicine, foods or other substances
- 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 involved.

If you are using this medicine on a cracked nipple, wash the nipple well before breast feeding your baby.

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.

Do not mix this medicine with any other topical medicines. They may prevent APO-MUPIROCIN ointment 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 APO-MUPIROCIN.

4. How do I use APO-MUPIROCIN?

How much to use

- Follow carefully all directions given to you by your doctor. Their instructions may be different to the information in this leaflet.

- Your doctor will tell you how much of this medicine you should use. This will depend on your condition and whether you are taking any other medicines.
- Always wash your hands before and after applying APO-MUPIROCIN ointment.
- A small amount of APO-MUPIROCIN ointment should be applied to the affected area three times daily.
- The area treated may be covered with gauze dressing if desired, unless your doctor has told you to leave it uncovered.
- Do not stop using your medicine or change your dosage without first checking with your doctor.
- Continue using your medicine for as long as your doctor tells you. Usually treatment should not continue for more than 10 days.
- Make sure you have enough of this medicine to last over weekends and holidays.

When to use APO-MUPIROCIN

- Use this medicine at the same time each day. Applying it at the same time each day will have the best effect and will also help you remember when to use it.

If you forget to use APO-MUPIROCIN

If it is almost time to use your ointment, skip the missed application and use it at the usual time.

Otherwise, apply it as soon as you remember and then go back to taking your medicine as you would normally.

If you have trouble remembering to apply your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints to help you remember.

If you use too much APO-MUPIROCIN

If you think that you have used too much APO-MUPIROCIN ointment, you may need urgent medical attention.

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (**by calling 13 11 26**); 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 APO-MUPIROCIN?

Things you must do

Tell your doctor that you are using this medicine if:

- you are about to be started on any new medicine
- you are pregnant or are planning to become pregnant
- you are breastfeeding or are planning to breastfeed
- you are about to have any blood tests
- you are going to have surgery or an anaesthetic or are going into hospital.

Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using APO-MUPIROCIN ointment.

Go to your doctor regularly for a check-up while using this medicine.

Things you should not do

Do not:

- give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.
- use your medicine to treat any other condition unless your doctor tells you to.
- stop using your medicine, or change the dosage, without first checking with your doctor.

Looking after your medicine

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

Keep your medicine in its original packaging until it is time to take it. If you take your medicine out of its original packaging it may not keep well.

Keep your medicine in a cool dry place where the temperature will stay below 25°C.

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.

When to discard your medicine

Any product remaining at the end of treatment should be discarded.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • itching • dryness • redness • stinging 	<p>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</p>

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• swelling, itching, burning or pain in the area where the ointment has been applied• allergic reaction. Symptoms of may include some or all of the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ cough, shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing○ swelling of the face, lips, tongue, throat or other parts of the body○ rash, itching or hives on the skin○ fainting○ hay fever-like symptoms	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.

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. 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.

There is no evidence that this medicine is addictive.

What APO-MUPIROCIN contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	mupirocin
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	macrogol 400 macrogol 3350

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

This medicine is gluten-free, lactose-free, sucrose-free, tartrazine-free and free of other azo dyes.

What APO-MUPIROCIN looks like

APO-MUPIROCIN is a white semi-transparent homogeneous preparation. The tube contains 15 g of ointment with 20 mg/g (2% w/w) mupirocin.

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