

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER

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.

WARNING: Important safety information is provided in a boxed warning in the [full CMI](#). Read before taking this medicine.

1. Why am I being given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER contains the active ingredient flucloxacillin sodium monohydrate. FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER is an antibiotic used to treat some infections in different parts of the body caused by bacteria.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I being given Flucloxacillin?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I am given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?

Do not take if you have ever had an allergic reaction to flucloxacillin, other penicillins 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 am given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER 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 am I given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER will be given to you by a doctor or nurse. Your doctor will decide what dose and how long you will receive FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER for. This depends on your infection and other factors, such as your weight. For most infections, FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER is usually given in divided doses throughout the day.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How am I given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know after receiving FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remind any doctor, dentist, or pharmacist you visit that you are being treated with FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER.• If symptoms of your infection do not improve within a few days, or if they become worse tell your doctor.• If you develop itching with swelling or skin rash or difficulty breathing while you are receiving FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER, do not have any more and tell your doctor immediately.• If you develop yellow eyes and/or skin (jaundice) while, or soon after receiving FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER, contact your doctor immediately.• If you get severe diarrhoea, tell your doctor, pharmacist or nurse immediately. Do this even if it occurs several weeks after FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER has been stopped.• If you get a sore white mouth or tongue while being treated with or soon after stopping FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER, tell your doctor. Also tell your doctor if you get vaginal itching or discharge.• If you become pregnant while you are taking FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER, tell your doctor.• If you have to have any tests, tell your doctor you are taking FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not take any diarrhoea medicine without first checking with your doctor.
Driving or using machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER affects you

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know after receiving FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Side effects include pain or redness at the site of injection, mild rash, oral thrush, vaginal thrush, nausea, stomach upsets, mild diarrhoea, constipation, dizziness or headaches.

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.

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER

Active ingredient: *Flucloxacillin sodium monohydrate*

(floo-klox-s-SILL-in)

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER.

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 FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER.

Where to find information in this leaflet:

1. [Why am I being given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?](#)
2. [What should I know before I am given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?](#)
3. [What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
4. [How am I given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?](#)
5. [What should I know after receiving FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?](#)
6. [Are there any side effects?](#)
7. [Product details](#)

1. Why am I being given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER is an antibiotic that belongs to a group of medicines called penicillins. These antibiotics work by killing the bacteria that are causing your infection.

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER is an antibiotic used to treat some infections in different parts of the body caused by bacteria.

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER, like other antibiotics, will not work against infections caused by viruses such as colds or the flu.

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. This medicine is not addictive.

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

2. What should I know before I am given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?

Warnings

Do not use FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER if:

- your skin and/or eyes have turned yellow (Jaundice) while, or soon after receiving flucloxacillin
- you are allergic to flucloxacillin or other penicillins or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include skin rash, itching, difficulty breathing or swelling.
- You have had an allergic reaction to cephalosporin antibiotics.
- You may have an increased chance of being allergic to FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER if you are allergic to cephalosporins.
- The packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.
- The expiry date (exp) printed on the pack has passed. If you take this medicine after the expiry date has passed, it may

not work as well.

WARNING

Flucloxacillin can cause jaundice (yellowing of skin and/or eyes) and severe liver disease which may last for a long time. This reaction is more frequent in older patients (particularly those over 55 years of age) and those who receive the drug for more than 14 days.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any type of allergic reaction to penicillin, amoxicillin, or cephalosporin antibiotics.
You may have an increased chance of being allergic to FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER if you are allergic to cephalosporins.
- have any allergies to any other medicines or any other substances such as foods, preservatives, or dyes. This may include medicines that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.
- have, or have ever had, any other medical conditions including:
 - asthma, hayfever or hives
 - liver problems
 - kidney problems
 - glandular fever (infectious mononucleosis)
- your skin and/or eyes have turned yellow (Jaundice) while, or soon after receiving any antibiotics.

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 breast-feeding, intend to become pregnant or breastfeed. Your doctor will discuss the possible risks and benefits of being given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER during this time.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

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

Some medicines may be affected by FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER, or they may affect how well it works. These include:

- Probenecid
- Aminoglycosides
- Voriconazole
- Methotrexate
- Warfarin
- Paracetamol

Some antibiotics may decrease the effectiveness of some birth control pills. Talk to your doctor about the need for an additional method of contraception whilst receiving

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER.

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

4. How am I given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?

How much is given

Your doctor will decide what dose and how long you will receive FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER. This depends on your infection and other factors, such as your weight.

For most infections, FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER is usually given in divided doses throughout the day. Sometimes only a single dose of FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER is required for the treatment and prevention of certain infections.

How FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER is given

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER is available in one strength - 1000mg.

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER 1000mg injection is diluted and then given:

- as a slow injection into a vein
- as a deep injection into a large muscle
- in fluids given into a vein
- into the space around the lungs

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

If you receive too much

As FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER is given to you under the supervision of your doctor, it is very unlikely that you will receive too much.

However, if you experience severe side effects after being given this medicine, 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.

You may need urgent medical attention.

5. What should I know after receiving FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER?

Things you must do

Call your doctor straight away if:

- the symptoms of your infection do not improve within a few days, or if they become worse.
- you develop itching with swelling or skin rash or difficulty breathing while you are receiving FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER.
- you develop yellow eyes and/or skin (jaundice) while, or soon after receiving FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER.
- you get severe diarrhoea. Do this even if it occurs several weeks after Flucloxacillin has been stopped. Diarrhoea may mean that you have a serious condition affecting your bowel. You may need urgent medical care. **Do not take any diarrhoea medicine without first checking with your doctor.**

- you get a sore white mouth or tongue while being treated with or soon after stopping FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER. Also tell your doctor if you get vaginal itching or discharge. This may mean you have a fungal infection called thrush. Sometimes the use of FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER allows fungi to grow and the above symptoms to occur. FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER does not work against fungi.

If you become pregnant while you are receiving FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER, tell your doctor.

If you are about to start taking any new medicine, tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are receiving FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER.

If you have to have any blood or urine tests, tell your doctor you are being given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER. FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER may affect the results of some blood or urine tests.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are being given FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER.

Things you should not do

- Do not take any diarrhoea medicine without first checking with your doctor.

Driving or using machines

Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how flucloxacillin affects you.

This medicine does not generally cause any problems with your ability to drive a car or operate machinery. However, as with many other medicines, flucloxacillin may cause dizziness, drowsiness or tiredness in some people.

If you experience dizziness, do not drive.

If you drink alcohol, dizziness may be worse.

Looking after your medicine

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER should be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward. Your doctor, pharmacist or nurse is responsible for storing FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER and disposing of any unused product correctly.

The powder for injection is kept in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

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">• Pain or redness at the site of injection• oral thrush - white, furry, sore tongue and mouth• vaginal thrush - sore and itchy vagina and/or discharge• nausea or vomiting• stomach upsets or belching after eating• mild diarrhoea or constipation• dizziness or headache• a mild rash.	Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• signs of an allergic reaction, such as shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body• red and/or itchy skin, severe rash or hive on the skin• irregular heartbeat• yellow skin and/or eyes (these may be symptoms of a type of liver disease called jaundice)• nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, feeling generally unwell, fever, itching and dark coloured urine (these may be symptoms of a type of liver disease called hepatitis).• a red rash commonly seen on both sides of buttocks, upper inner thighs, armpits, neck.	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.

What FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	Flucloxacillin sodium monohydrate
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	None
Potential allergens	None

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to this ingredient.

What FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER looks like

FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER is white or almost white crystalline powder for injection contained in a vial (AUST R 415551).

Who distributes FLUCLOXACILLIN BAXTER

Baxter Healthcare Pty Ltd
1 Baxter Drive
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