

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1. What Avoban Ointment is and what it is used for

Avoban Ointment is an antibiotic ointment.

Avoban Ointment contains the active substance called mupirocin. **Avoban Ointment**

It is used:

- to treat skin infections on the skin such as:
 - infected hair follicles which form pimples containing pus ("folliculitis") - an infectious skin infection with blistering and crusting known as "impetigo" or - recurring boils ("furunculosis")
- to kill various bacteria which cause other skin infections including *Staphylococci*, *Streptococci* and *E. coli*. This group includes MRSA (Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*).

This ointment is for external use on your skin only.

2. Before you use Avoban Ointment

Do not use Avoban Ointment

If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to mupirocin or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).

Do not use it if the above applies to you. If you are not sure do not use this medicine. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using **Avoban Ointment**.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before you use **Avoban Ointment**.

Avoban Ointment can cause severe skin reactions or allergies. (See section 4)

Avoban Ointment is not suitable for use in your eyes, nose or around intravenous cannula ("drip") sites.

Thrush (a yeast infection) may develop if **Avoban Ointment** is used for a long time. If this occurs, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep the ointment away from your eyes.

If the ointment gets into your eyes accidentally, wash them thoroughly with water.

Other medicines and Avoban Ointment

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using this medicine.

If a cracked nipple is being treated, the ointment must be thoroughly washed off prior to breast-feeding.

Driving and using machines

It is unlikely that **Avoban Ointment** will affect your ability to drive or operate machinery.

Avoban Ointment contains polyethylene glycol

Talk to your doctor before using this medicine if you:

- have kidney problems
- have large areas of open wounds or damaged skin to be treated

3. How to use Avoban Ointment

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Using this medicine

Do not mix **Avoban Ointment** with any other external cream or ointment medicines on the infected area of your skin as this may reduce the effectiveness of **Avoban Ointment**.

You usually apply **Avoban Ointment** on your skin two to three times a day.

1. Wash and dry your hands.
2. Apply ointment to the infected area of your skin.
3. You can cover the treated area with a plaster(s) or suitable dressing(s), unless your doctor has told you to leave it uncovered.
4. Replace the cap on the tube and wash your hands.

How long should you use Avoban Ointment for?

Use **Avoban Ointment** for as long as your doctor has told you. If you are not sure, ask your doctor or pharmacist. The bacteria are normally cleared from your skin within 10 days of starting treatment. Do not use for more than 10 days. Throw away any ointment that is left over.

If you swallow any Avoban Ointment

If you swallow any of the ointment, speak to your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

If you forget to use Avoban Ointment

If you forget to apply **Avoban Ointment**, apply it as soon as you remember.

- If your next dose is due within an hour, skip the missed dose.
- Do not use a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop using Avoban Ointment

If you stop using **Avoban Ointment** too early, not all the bacteria may have been killed or they may

continue to grow. Ask your doctor or pharmacist when to stop using the ointment.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

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

Conditions to look out for

Severe skin reactions or allergies:

- These are very rare in people using **Avoban Ointment**. Signs include:
 - raised and itchy rash
 - swelling, sometimes of the face or mouth, causing difficulty in breathing
 - collapse or loss of consciousness.

Contact a doctor immediately if you get any of these symptoms. Stop using **Avoban Ointment**

- If you develop a severe skin reaction or an allergy:

- wash off the ointment
- stop using it
- tell your doctor as soon as possible.

On rare occasions, medicines like **Avoban Ointment** 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.

The following side effects may happen with this medicine:

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

- Burning where the ointment is applied.

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

- Itching, redness, stinging and dryness on your skin in the place where **Avoban Ointment** is applied.

- Allergic rash, itching, redness or soreness of the skin can also occur on other parts of your body.

Very rare (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)

- Swollen face and/or difficulty breathing. This may be a sign of a serious allergic reaction that could require emergency treatment.

5. How to store Avoban Ointment

- Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

- Store below 25°C.

- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the label and carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

- **Avoban Ointment** is white ointment. Do not use it if it looks different to normal.

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

- Shelf life after first opening is 30 days.

6. Further information

What Avoban Ointment contains

- The active substance is mupirocin. Each gram of ointment contains 20 mg mupirocin.
- The other ingredients are polyethylene glycol 400 and polyethylene glycol 3350.

What Avoban Ointment looks like and contents of the pack

White smooth translucent homogenous ointment with faint characteristics odor.

Avoban Ointment is available in a 15 g & 30 g aluminium tubes.

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