

# Mupirocin cream/ointment

(Mup- i- ro- sin)

## What is mupirocin used for?

Mupirocin cream and ointment are used to treat bacterial skin infections, like school sores (impetigo). They work by killing the 'bad' bugs on the skin and stops the growth of new bugs.

**If left untreated**, bacterial skin infections like school sores can **cause serious infections in the blood or joints**.

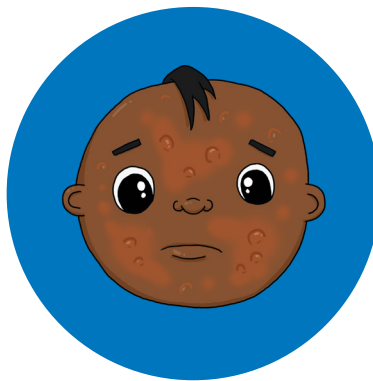
## How to use this medication?

- Your doctor will tell you how many times a day the cream/ointment should be put onto the school sores.
- **It is very important** to keep using the cream/ointment for as long as your doctor says to make sure that the medicine has enough time to kill the skin bugs and help stop the infection coming back.
- When applying the cream/ointment avoid contact with the eyes and mouth.
- **Before** applying cream to the affected area, use a wet cloth to soak the school sores and remove any crusts.
- Cloths that are used on the skin sores should be washed or thrown away after use.

## Let your doctor know if:



You have open wounds in the area where the cream is to be applied



You have had an allergic reaction to a medicine



You are taking other medicines including herbal medicines

## Reducing the spread of school sores:

- Children with school sores (impetigo) should be kept home for 24 hours (1 day) after treatment has started.
- When your child returns to school or child-care, any sores that can be seen or touched **MUST BE COVERED** with a watertight dressing.
- Encourage or help your child to regularly wash their hands and throw away used tissues.
- Try to stop your child from scratching the sores and cut their fingernails short.
- Encourage or help your child to have a daily bath or shower with soap and water.
- Towels and bed linen should be washed regularly and not shared.

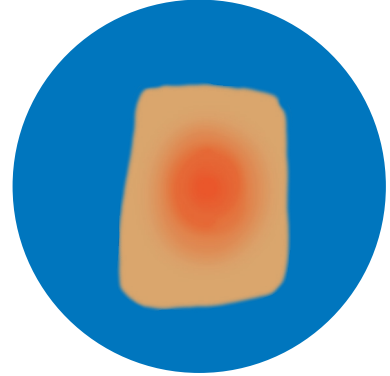
## Common side effects:



Itchy skin



Burning, and stinging



Skin redness and swelling

## Important to remember:

Keep all medicines out of reach and out of sight of children. Keep medicines in a cool, dry place

If **swallowed** call Poisons Centre on 13 11 26 or go to the **Emergency Department**. Show them the container of what you're taking.



To dispose of **out-of-date** or **unwanted** medicines take them to a pharmacy.



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