

# SUPIROCIN CREAM

Active ingredient: *mupirocin (as calcium)*

## Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using SUPIROCIN cream. **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 SUPIROCIN cream.**

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## 1. Why am I using SUPIROCIN cream?

**SUPIROCIN cream contains the active ingredient mupirocin (as calcium).**

Mupirocin belongs to a group of medicines called Antibiotics.

Antibiotics work by killing bacteria which can cause infection.

SUPIROCIN cream is used to treat small wounds which have become infected. These wounds may include small cuts and abrasions or stitches.

SUPIROCIN cream is for use on your skin only.

## 2. What should I know before I use SUPIROCIN cream?

### Warnings

**Do not use SUPIROCIN cream if:**

- you are allergic to mupirocin calcium or 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.

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include:

- shortness of breath
- wheezing or difficulty breathing
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
- rash, itching or hives on the skin

**Check with your doctor if you:**

- have any other medical conditions
- 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.

**If you are using SUPIROCIN cream 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 SUPIROCIN cream with any other preparation. They may prevent SUPIROCIN cream 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 SUPIROCIN.**

## 4. How do I use SUPIROCIN cream?

### How much to take / use

- The usual recommendation is for a small amount to be applied to the affected area three times daily.
- Follow the instructions provided and use SUPIROCIN until your doctor tells you to stop.

Use SUPIROCIN cream for as long as your doctor or pharmacist tells you to. SUPIROCIN cream treatment is usually for up to 10 days.

It is important that you take the full courses of SUPIROCIN cream. Do not stop early as your symptoms may disappear before the infection is fully cleared.

**Do not apply SUPIROCIN cream to children under 2 years of age unless instructed by your doctor.**

### How to use SUPIROCIN cream

Always wash your hands before and after applying SUPIROCIN cream.

With a piece of clean cotton wool or a gauze swab, apply a small quantity of SUPIROCIN cream to cover the affected area.

After applying the cream, you may cover the treated area with a sterile bandage or gauze dressing, unless a doctor has told you to leave it uncovered.

## If you forget to use SUPIROCIN cream

SUPIROCIN cream should be used regularly at the same time each day. If you forget an application, apply some SUPIROCIN cream as soon as you can, then continue as before.

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose when you are meant to.

**Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose you missed.**

## If you use too much SUPIROCIN cream

If you think that you have used too much SUPIROCIN cream or accidentally swallowed SUPIROCIN cream, 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 SUPIROCIN cream?

### Things you should do

If SUPIROCIN cream is accidentally applied to the eyes, wash the eyes thoroughly with water.

If you develop an allergic reaction (such as a rash, local pain or swelling), wipe off the cream, stop using SUPIROCIN cream and tell your doctor.

If you become pregnant while using this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.

Tell your doctor if, for any reason, you have not used your medicine exactly as directed.

Call your doctor straight away if you:

- Medicines like SUPIROCIN cream 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.

Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using SUPIROCIN cream.

### Things you should not do

- Do not stop using this medicine suddenly.
- Do not use SUPIROCIN cream to treat any other complaints unless your doctor says to.
- Do not stop using SUPIROCIN cream, or change the dose without first checking with your doctor.
- SUPIROCIN cream should not be used to treat infections in or near the eyes, nostrils or mouth
- SUPIROCIN cream should not be used to treat areas of skin near tubes inserted into your body for the

delivery or removal of fluid (cannulae). SUPIROCIN cream should not be used in combination with cannulae.

## Driving or using machines

**Be careful before you drive or use any machines or tools until you know how SUPIROCIN cream affects you.**

This medicine does not affect your ability to drive or operate machinery.

## Drinking alcohol

**Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol.**

## Looking after your medicine

Follow the instructions in the carton on how to take care of your medicine properly. Store below 25°C. Do not freeze.

Store it in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight; for example, 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.**

## 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
<b>Skin:</b> Application site reactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Itching</li><li>• Redness</li><li>• Stinging of the skin</li></ul> <b>General:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Headache</li><li>• Nausea</li><li>• Diarrhoea</li></ul>	<b>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</b>

### Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<b>Allergic Reactions:</b>	<b>If you get a skin reaction, stop using</b>

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rash</li> <li>• Hives</li> <li>• Swelling</li> <li>• Wheezing</li> <li>• Swelling of the lips/mouth</li> <li>• Difficulty in breathing</li> </ul> Fainting <b>Site of Application:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swelling</li> <li>• Itching</li> <li>• Burning or pain in the area where SUPIROCIN cream is applied</li> </ul>	<b>SUPIROCIN cream.</b> <b>Wipe off any cream and 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.</b>

**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](http://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 SUPIROCIN cream contains

<b>Active ingredient (main ingredient)</b>	Mupirocin (as calcium)
<b>Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)</b>	xanthan gum, liquid paraffin, cetomacrogol 1000, glyceryl monostearate 40-55%, phenoxyethanol, benzyl alcohol and purified water

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

### What SUPIROCIN cream looks like

SUPIROCIN cream is white soft homogeneous cream supplied in 15 g tubes.

### Australian Registration Number

AUST R 385530

### Who distributes SUPIROCIN cream

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