

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR NUBAN OINTMENT**SCHEDULING STATUS****S2****PROPRIETARY NAME, STRENGTH AND PHARMACEUTICAL FORM****NUBAN OINTMENT****Please read this leaflet carefully before applying NUBAN OINTMENT**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, please ask your doctor or your pharmacist.
- **NUBAN OINTMENT** has been prescribed for you personally and you should not share your medicine with other people. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

1. WHAT NUBAN OINTMENT CONTAINS

Each gram of **NUBAN OINTMENT** contains 20 mg of mupirocin as active ingredient.

NUBAN OINTMENT also contains macrogol and polyethylene glycol as inactive ingredients.

2. WHAT NUBAN OINTMENT IS USED FOR

NUBAN OINTMENT is an antibiotic used to kill certain bacteria which cause skin infections. It is also used in the treatment of skin infections caused by infected eczema and other infected injuries such as grazes or scratches caused by insect bites, minor wounds and burns.

It is also used to prevent bacterial skin infections of small wounds or cuts.

3. BEFORE YOU APPLY NUBAN OINTMENT

Do not apply **NUBAN OINTMENT** if:

- You are allergic (hypersensitive) to mupirocin or to any of the ingredients of **NUBAN OINTMENT**

(see “**WHAT NUBAN OINTMENT CONTAINS**”).

- You have a skin infection called *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

Take special care with NUBAN OINTMENT:

- **NUBAN OINTMENT** is not suitable to use in the eyes or nose.
- If **NUBAN OINTMENT** accidentally gets into the eye, wash thoroughly with water until all of the ointment is removed.
- **NUBAN OINTMENT** is not suitable for use with tubes inserted into your body for the delivery or removal of fluid (cannulae).
- If you have a kidney disorder.
- If you experience a severe skin irritation after applying **NUBAN OINTMENT**, rinse off with water and contact your doctor for an alternative treatment.

Do not use **NUBAN OINTMENT** for long periods of time as you may develop other types of infection on your skin.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding:

Safety in pregnancy and breastfeeding has not been established.

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding your baby, please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other healthcare provider for advice before taking **NUBAN OINTMENT**.

Driving and using machinery:

NUBAN OINTMENT will most likely not affect your ability to drive or operate machinery.

Important information about some of the ingredients of NUBAN OINTMENT:

NUBAN OINTMENT contains polyethylene glycol and macrogol which may be absorbed if applied in

large quantities on large open wounds. If you also have kidney problems which prevent these substances to be excreted, they may cause serious kidney toxicity/damage. Avoid applying **NUBAN OINTMENT** to large areas of broken or damaged skin, especially if you have problems with your kidneys.

Using other medicines with NUBAN OINTMENT:

Always tell your healthcare provider if you are taking/using any other medicine.

(This includes complementary or traditional medicines.)

- Mixing of **NUBAN OINTMENT** with other ointments or creams may cause **NUBAN OINTMENT** to be less effective. It is not recommended to mix **NUBAN OINTMENT** with other products.

4. HOW TO APPLY NUBAN OINTMENT

Do not share medicines prescribed for you with any other person.

- Apply 2 – 3 times a day for up to 10 days as prescribed by your doctor or pharmacist.
- Before applying, wash the affected area and dry thoroughly.
- Apply a small quantity of **NUBAN OINTMENT** to cover the affected area.
- The treated area may be covered with a gauze dressing.
- Continue to apply for the full period of time as prescribed by your doctor or pharmacist, even if the infection seemed to clear up.

If you apply more NUBAN OINTMENT than you should:

Carefully wipe off the extra ointment. Do not use more of **NUBAN OINTMENT** than prescribed or for longer periods than prescribed, it may cause the bacteria to become resistant against **NUBAN OINTMENT**.

If you forget to apply NUBAN OINTMENT:

Apply as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next application, skip the missed application and apply at the usual time. Do not apply a double dose to make up for any missed applications.

5. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

NUBAN OINTMENT can have side effects.

Not all side effects reported for **NUBAN OINTMENT** are included in this leaflet.

Should your general health worsen or if you experience any untoward effects while using this medicine, please consult your doctor, pharmacist or other healthcare professional for advice.

If any the following happens, stop taking **NUBAN OINTMENT and tell your doctor immediately or go to the casualty department at your nearest hospital.**

- severe allergic reactions
- burning or itching of the skin, rash

These are all very serious side effects. If you have them, you may have had a serious allergic reaction to **NUBAN OINTMENT**. You may need urgent medical attention or hospitalisation

Tell your doctor if notice any of the following:

Less frequent side effects:

- nausea,
- dry skin, redness, stinging or swelling,
- headache.

6. STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF NUBAN OINTMENT

- Store all medicines out of reach of children
- Store at or below 25 °C. Do not refrigerate or freeze.
- Replace cap after use.
- **NUBAN OINTMENT** can be used for up to 6 months after first opening the tube.
- Do not use after the expiry date printed on the tube or carton.
- Return all unused medicine to your pharmacist.
- Do not dispose unused medicine in drains and sewerage systems (e.g. toilets).