# FLUCLOXIL CAPSULE

Flucloxacillin sodium (250mg)

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# What FLUCLOXIL is used for

Flucloxacillin is an antibiotic used to treat infections in different parts of the body caused by bacteria. These may be infections of the respiratory tract, skin and soft tissues.

Your doctor may have prescribed FLUCLOXIL for another reason. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why FLUCLOXIL has been prescribed for you.

## How FLUCLOXIL works

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

## Before you use FLUCLOXIL

When you must not take it

Do not take FLUCLOXIL if you have an allergy to:

- flucloxacillin,
- other penicillins or cephalosporins
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Do not take this medicine if: You have suffered previously from liver problems (e.g. jaundice) after taking

jaundice) after flucloxacillin.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

If it has expired or is damaged, return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

If you are not sure whether you should start using this medicine, talk to your doctor.

### - Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if you have had an allergic reaction to any antibiotics in the past.

Tell your doctor if you have any allergies to any other medicines or any other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes.

Tell your doctor if you:

- have liver problems or yellow colour in the skin and whites of the eyes.
- have kidney problems.
- are older patient.
- have diarrhea induced by antibiotic in the past.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breast-feeding. Your doctor will discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you start taking FLUCLOXIL.

### - Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other

medicines, including any that you get without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines and FLUCLOXIL may interfere with each other. This includes Probenecid, which is used to treat gout.

This medicine may be affected by FLUCLOXIL or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking this medicine.

#### How to use FLUCLOXIL

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully.

These directions may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you do not understand the instructions on the pack, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

### How much to use

Adult: 250mg every 6 hours

Children:

2 to 10 years: half adult dose

Under 2 years: quarter of adult dose

Your doctor might prescribe you a different dose based on type of infection you have or if you have kidney or liver disease.

### - When to use it

Take each dose of FLUCLOXIL at about the same time each day.

Taking each dose of FLUCLOXIL at the same time each day will have the best effect. It will also help you to remember when to take the medicine.

It should be taken half to one hour before meal.

## - How long to use it

Continue taking FLUCLOXIL until you finish the pack or as your doctor recommends.

## - If you forget to use it

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

Otherwise, take it as soon as you remember, and then go back to taking your tablets as you would normally.

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

If you have trouble remembering to take your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

# - <u>If you use too much</u> (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor for advice or go to Accident and Emergency (Casualty) at your nearest hospital if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much FLUCLOXIL Tablet.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

You may need urgent medical attention.

Some of the symptoms of overdose include:

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea

## While you are using it

### - Things you must do

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking FLUCLOXIL.

If the symptoms of your infection do not improve within a few days, or if they become worse, tell your doctor.

If you get severe diarrhoea tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately. Do this even if it occurs several weeks after FLUCLOXIL 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.

If you become pregnant while you are taking FLUCLOXIL tell your doctor immediately.

If you are about to start taking any new medicine tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking FLUCLOXIL.

### - Things you must not do

Do not stop taking FLUCLOXIL because you are feeling better, unless advised by your doctor.

If you do not complete the full course prescribed by your doctor, all of the bacteria causing your infection may not be killed. These bacteria may continue to grow and multiply so that your infection may not clear completely or it may return.

Do not take FLUCLOXIL to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.

Do not give your medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

## - Things to be careful of

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how FLUCLOXIL affects you.

#### Side effects

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not.

Ask for the advice of your doctor or pharmacist if you have any concerns about the effects of taking this medicine.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- diarrhoea
- nausea
- vomiting
- skin rash
- itching
- stomach achedifficulty or pain
- difficulty or pain on passing urine
- severe skin reaction with rash, peeling or blisters.
  unusual bleeding or
- bruising, anaemia (may be caused by changes in the numbers of blood cells)

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell. Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting).

# Storage and Disposal of FLUCLOXIL

#### - Storage

Keep your medicine in its original packaging until it is time to take them.

If you take the tablets out of the pack, they may not keep well.

Keep your medicine in a place where the temperature will stay below 25°C. Protect from light.

Do not store your medicine, or any other medicine, in the bathroom or near a sink.

Do not leave it on a window sill or in the car.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one and a half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

## - Disposal

If your doctor or pharmacist tells you to stop taking this medicine or it has passed its expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any medicine that is left over.

### **Product Description**

### - What it looks like

A size 2 capsule, blue/white in colour with marking 'DUO 861'.

### - <u>Ingredients</u>

Active ingredient:

• Flucloxacillin sodium

Inactive ingredients:

- Magnesium stearate
- Lactose
- Talcum
- <u>MAL number</u>
   MAL19890594A

#### Manufacturer

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### **Product Registration Holder**

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