

# PHARMANIAGA GERMACID OINTMENT

Sodium fusidate (2.0% w/w)

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## What Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment is used for

Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment is made to be put directly on skin and wounds. It treats skin and wound infections, especially those caused by Staphylococci.

Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment does not work against infections caused by viruses and other bacteria, which are resistant.

## How Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment works

Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment contains an antibiotic, called sodium fusidate. This antibiotic is used to kill bacteria, especially those of the kind known as Staphylococci. ("Staph") Staphylococci are bacteria that can cause severe infections.

## Before you use Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment

### - When you must not use it

Do not use this medicine if you have an allergy or have had an adverse reaction to:

- any medicine containing sodium fusidate or fusidic acid.
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

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.

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 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 a known allergy to Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment or any ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant or are breast-feeding.

### - Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may be affected by Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment or may affect how well Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment works. You may need different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment applied on the skin will not generally interfere with other antibacterial treatment, for example antibiotic tablets or injections. Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while using this medicine.

## How to use Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment

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

### - How much to use

#### **without a covering dressing:**

usually apply two or three times daily.

#### **with a protective dressing:**

usually one application daily is enough.

The average treatment period is seven days. Some infections may require longer treatment.

### - When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

Use Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment at about the same time each day. This ensures a steady antibiotic effect and helps you remember to use it.

### - How long to use it

Follow carefully all directions given to you by your doctor and the pharmacist. These directions may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

Continue using your medicine until your doctor tells you otherwise.

### - If you forget to use it

Follow the direction label carefully and as instructed by your doctor or pharmacist.

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember.

### - If you use too much (overdose)

If you accidentally squeeze out too much ointment use a tissue to wipe off any excess.

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have accidentally swallow this ointment. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

## While you are using it

### - Things you must do

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

### - Things you must not do

Do not use Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.

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

Do not stop using your medicine without checking with your doctor.

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## - *Things to be careful of*

Be careful not to get Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment in your eye.

Bacterial resistance is reported to have occurred when this product is applied topically. As in all topical antibiotics, extended and recurrent applications may increase the risk of contact sensitisation and development of antibiotic resistance.

## Side effects

Like all medicines, Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after taking this medicine.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have any unpleasant effects while you are using Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment even it is not listed in this leaflet.

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

- Mild irritation or pain at the site of treatment
- Hypersensitivity (allergy) to sodium fusidate or fusidic acid or the ingredients of the ointment

Tell your doctor if you notice anything 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 Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835549, or visiting the website [npra.moh.gov.my](http://npra.moh.gov.my) (Public → Reporting Medicinal Problems / Side Effects (ConSERF) or Vaccine (AEFI)).

## Storage and Disposal of Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment

### - *Storage*

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Store below 25°C.

Do not use Pharmaniaga Germacid Ointment after the expiry date stated on

the packaging. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

### - *Disposal*

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

## Product Description

### - *What it looks like*

A smooth, white ointment.

### - *Ingredients*

- Active ingredient  
Sodium fusidate 2.0% w/w
- Inactive ingredients  
Liquid paraffin, Cetomacrogol, Cetostearyl Alcohol, White Soft Paraffin

### - *MAL number:*

MAL19973684AZ

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