

**Patient Information Leaflet**  
**Cloxaren oral suspension**  
**Cloxacillin sodium oral suspension 125 mg**

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

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**a. What Cloxaren oral suspension is and what it is used for**

Cloxaren oral suspension contains a medicine called Cloxacillin Sodium. Cloxaren oral suspension is used to treat infections that are caused by certain bacteria. Antibacterial drugs like Cloxaren oral suspension treat only bacterial infections. They do not treat viral infections.

Cloxaren oral suspension is an antibiotic that works by:

- Stopping the growth of bacteria.
- Killing bacteria.

**b. What you need to know Before you take Cloxaren oral suspension**

**Do not take Cloxaren oral suspension**

You have had an allergic reaction to Cloxaren oral suspension or other medicines such as cephalosporins or penicillins.

To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you take Cloxaren oral suspension. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:

- Have severe kidney disease with or without significant liver disease
- Are pregnant or could become pregnant during treatment
- Are breast feeding

**Other special warnings**

Use with caution in patients with a known history of allergy to penicillins.

When administered to a patient with penicillin sensitivity anaphylactic shock may occur.

Adrenaline, corticosteroids and antihistamines should be used to treat anaphylaxis.

Due to the variability in intestinal absorption, oral administration is not a suitable substitute for the parenteral treatment of serious infections.

**Cloxaren oral suspension contain Sugar:** Cloxaren oral suspension contains small amount of sugar, if you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

### **Other medicines and Cloxaren oral suspension**

Some medications may decrease the effectiveness of Cloxacillin. Make sure you inform your doctor, if you are on:

- Cholestyramine/colestopol
- Erythromycin, tetracycline, microcycline, doxycycline
- Birth control pills as Cloxacillin may decrease the effectiveness of these drugs
- Methotrexate, as Cloxacillin may increase the effects of this drug, thus requiring a dose adjustment
- Allopurinol, as Cloxacillin may increase the side effects of this drug leading to a skin rash
- Probenecid, as this drug increases the effects of Cloxacillin, thus requiring a dose adjustment.

Other drugs and supplements may also interact with Cloxacillin. Thus, discuss all the drugs you are taking with your doctor.

### **Cloxaren with food and drink**

Take this medicine with or after food.

### **Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility**

The drug belongs to Pregnancy Category B. This means the drug is safe to use in pregnancy. However, never take the drug without discussing with your doctor, when you are pregnant.

There are no reports or studies that prove Cloxacillin passes through breast milk. Thus, discuss with your doctor before taking the drug, if you are breast-feeding a baby.

### **Driving and using machines**

you can drive or operate machinery.

### **c. How to take Cloxaren oral suspension**

The doses of Cloxaren oral suspension will depend on the severity of the disease, and the age of the

patient. The usual dose of Cloxaren oral suspension is as follows:

The doses should be given 1 hour before or 2 hours after meals.

Adults: 250 to 500mg of Cloxaren every 6 hourly.

Children: 50 to 100mg/kg of body weight per day in divided doses.

The dose may be doubled in severe infections and may be given with other antibiotics, especially Ampicillin, to produce a wider spectrum of activity.

### **If you take more Cloxaren oral suspension than you should**

If you, or anyone else, accidentally take too much Cloxaren oral suspension, tell your doctor or go to your nearest hospital casualty department immediately. Take your medicine pack with you so that people can see what you have taken.

Overdose may cause neuromuscular irritability or seizures. No specific recommendation is available. Treatment is symptomatic. After recent ingestion (within 4 hours), empty the stomach by induced emesis or gastric lavage; follow with activated charcoal to reduce absorption. Cloxacillin isn't appreciably removed by hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis.

### **If you forget to take Cloxaren oral suspension**

It is important that you do not miss a dose. If you forget to take a dose, take one as soon as you remember. If it is nearly time for your next dose, just take the next dose and forget about the one you missed. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose. If you have trouble remembering to take the suspension, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

**d. Possible side effects**

As with other penicillins, adverse reactions will mainly be due to penicillin hypersensitivity. These include Urticaria, fever, joint pains, Angioedema, and anaphylactic shock in hypersensitive patients.

Gastro-intestinal effects like diarrhoea, nausea and heartburn may occur. A sore mouth or tongue or a black, hairy tongue due to superinfection with Candida may occur, Pseudomembranous colitis may occur. Bone marrow depression, granulocytopenia, prolongation of bleeding time and defective platelet function may occur in patients receiving large doses

**e. How to store Cloxaren oral suspension**

Do not store above 30°C. Protect from light. Keep out of reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton after 'EXP'.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away any medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

**f. Further information**

**What Cloxaren oral suspension contain**

Each 5ml of reconstituted Suspension contains Cloxacillin Sodium USP equivalent to Cloxacillin 125mg. The other ingredients are Sugar, Sodium carboxymethylcellulose, Colloidal silicon dioxide, Sodium citrate, Citric acid anhydrous, Sodium methyl paraben, Sodium propyl paraben, tartrazine yellow, strawberry flavour, Ethyl cellulose and Isopropyl alcohol

**What Cloxaren oral suspension look like and contents of the pack**

White coloured HDPE Bottle containing 25g light yellowish powder for 100ml Oral suspension with polypropylene screw closure and sealing membrane and contained in unit box with literature.

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