

Flubex®

Capsule/Syrup/DS Syrup

Description

Flubex is a preparation of Flucloxacillin. It acts in similar way to Penicillin by inhibiting bacterial cell wall synthesis.

Indications

Flubex is indicated for the treatment of infections due to Gram-positive organisms, including infections caused by β lactamase producing staphylococci. Typical indications include:

Respiratory tract infections : Pneumonia, lung abscess, empyema, sinusitis, pharyngitis, tonsillitis.

Skin and soft tissue infections : Boils, abscesses, carbuncles, furunculosis, infected skin conditions e.g., ulcer, eczema, acne, cellulitis, infected wounds, infected burns etc.

Other infections caused by Flucloxacillin-sensitive organisms : Osteomyelitis, enteritis, endocarditis, urinary tract infection, meningitis, septicaemia.

Flucloxacillin is also indicated for use as a prophylactic agent during major surgical procedures where appropriate; for example, cardiothoracic and orthopaedic surgery.

Dosage and Administration

Doses should be administered half an hour before meals.

Adult (including elderly patients) : 250 mg four times daily. Dose may be increased in severe infections. In osteomyelitis, endocarditis- up to 8 g daily, in divided doses six to eight hourly.

Children (2-10 years) : half of adult dose; under 2 years- one fourth of adult dose.

Contraindication

Flucloxacillin is contraindicated for those who have hypersensitivity to penicillins.

Side Effects

Side effects, as with other penicillins, are uncommon and mainly of mild and transitory in nature. Gastrointestinal upsets (e.g., nausea, diarrhoea) and skin rashes have been reported. If a skin rash occurs, treatment should be discontinued. Hepatitis and cholestatic jaundice have been rarely reported.

Use in Special Population

Pregnancy : Animal studies with Flucloxacillin have shown no teratogenic effects. The use of Flucloxacillin in pregnancy should be reserved for cases considered essential by the clinician.

Commercial Packs

Flubex[®] 250 Capsule : Box containing 5 strips of 10 capsules. Each capsule contains Flucloxacillin Sodium BP equivalent to Flucloxacillin 250 mg.

Flubex[®] 500 Capsule : Box containing 3 strips of 10 capsules, each capsule contains Flucloxacillin Sodium BP equivalent to Flucloxacillin 500 mg.

Flubex[®] Powder for Syrup : Dry powder in amber glass bottle for reconstitution into 100 ml syrup. After reconstitution, each 5 ml contains Flucloxacillin Sodium BP equivalent to Flucloxacillin 125 mg.

Flubex[®] DS Powder for Syrup : Dry powder in amber glass bottle for reconstitution into 100 ml syrup. After reconstitution, each 5 ml contains Flucloxacillin Sodium BP equivalent to Flucloxacillin 250 mg.