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**Dalacin® Cream 2%**

Clindamycin phosphate

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**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using 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 onto others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, tell your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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**1. What Dalacin Cream is and what it is used for**

Dalacin Cream is a vaginal cream. It contains clindamycin phosphate which is an antibiotic. It is used in the treatment of bacterial vaginosis (a bacterial infection of the vagina).

**2. What you need to know before you use Dalacin Cream**

**Do not use Dalacin Cream**

- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to clindamycin, lincomycin or to any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
- if you suffer with a history of inflammatory bowel disease or antibiotic-associated colitis.

**Warnings and precautions**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using this medicine if you have diarrhoea or usually get diarrhoea when you take antibiotics.

If you develop severe, prolonged or bloody diarrhoea during or after using Dalacin Cream tell your doctor immediately since it may be necessary to interrupt the treatment.

This may be a sign of bowel inflammation (pseudomembranous colitis) which can occur following treatment with antibiotics.

Dalacin cream is not recommended for use in children.

As with all vaginal infections, sexual intercourse during treatment with Dalacin Cream is not recommended. Dalacin Cream may weaken condoms and diaphragms. Do not rely on condoms or contraceptive diaphragms when using this medicine.

The use of other vaginal products such as tampons or douches (vaginal washes) during treatment with the cream is not recommended.

#### **Other medicines and Dalacin**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking erythromycin, lincomycin (or any other antibiotics) or are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription.

Warfarin or similar medicines – used to thin the blood. You may be more likely to have a bleed. Your doctor may need to take regular blood tests to check how well your blood can clot.

#### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

##### **Pregnancy**

If you are pregnant, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using this medicine.

##### **Breast-feeding**

Tell your doctor if you will be breast-feeding while using Dalacin Cream as the active substance in this medicine may be passed into breast milk. Your doctor will decide if Dalacin Cream is suitable for you. Although it is not likely that a nursing infant will take in very much of the active substance from the milk it drinks, if your baby gets bloodstained diarrhoea or shows any signs of illness, tell your doctor at once. You should stop breast-feeding if this happens.

##### **Driving and using machines**

No effects on the ability to drive or use machines have been seen with Dalacin Cream.

##### **Dalacin Cream contains propylene glycol and cetostearyl alcohol**

These may cause local skin irritation and inflammation.

### **3. How to use Dalacin Cream**

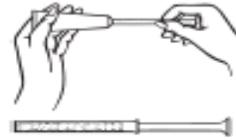
Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

**The usual dose is one applicator full (approx 5 grams)**, which should be placed into the vagina each night at bedtime for seven consecutive nights.

Your doctor may recommend a shorter, three day course of treatment depending on your symptoms.

Always wash your hands before using the cream.

#### **Insertion:**



Remove the cap from the tube.

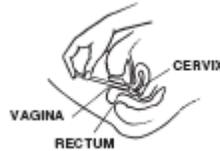
Screw one of the disposable plastic applicators supplied on to the tube where the cap has been

removed. Holding the tube from the bottom, squeeze gently and force the cream into the applicator.

When the plunger stops moving, the applicator is full.

Unscrew the applicator and replace the cap on the tube.

Lie on your back, firmly grasp the applicator barrel, and insert gently into the vagina as far as possible without causing discomfort. Still holding the barrel, slowly push the plunger until it stops and all the cream has been expelled.



Carefully withdraw the applicator and dispose of it. It is preferable to wrap it in paper before disposal in a waste container. Do not try to flush it down the toilet.

Wash your hands well after applying the cream.

**If you use more Dalacin Cream than you should**

Tell your doctor. Do not use any more cream until your doctor tells you to.

**If you swallow Dalacin Cream**

If you or somebody else swallows some Dalacin Cream contact your doctor. The cream is not likely to cause any harm but your doctor will be able to give you advice on what to do.

**If you forget to use Dalacin Cream**

If the forgotten dose is just a few hours late, use it straight away.

If it is nearly time for your next application, miss out the forgotten one. Do the next application at the normal time. Do not use double the amount but carry on using your Cream at the usual times.

**If you stop using Dalacin Cream**

Sometimes you may feel better after only a few days treatment. Even if you do feel better, do not stop using the cream until you have completed the full course of treatment.

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

#### **4. Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

##### **Tell your doctor immediately if you:**

- develop severe, persistent or bloody diarrhoea (which may be associated with stomach pain or fever). This is an uncommon side effect which may occur after treatment with antibiotics and can be a sign of serious bowel inflammation.
- experience an allergic reaction or skin reaction such as hives or a measles-like rash. These are very rare side effects.

**Very common side effects** (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)

- **Effects on your genital area:** irritation of the vagina or cervix

**Uncommon side effects** (may affect up to 1 in 100 people):

- **Effects on your nervous system:** dizziness, vertigo, headaches.
- **Effects on your stomach and intestines:** heartburn, nausea (feeling sick), vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach pain and constipation.

**Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from available data**

Inflammation of the lining of large intestine (pseudomembranous colitis)

If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

##### **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard). By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

#### **5. How to store Dalacin Cream**

- Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the tube and carton after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Do not store above 25°C. Do not freeze.
- Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help to protect the environment.

#### **6. Contents of the pack and other information**

##### **What Dalacin Cream contains**

- The active substance is clindamycin phosphate. Each gram of cream contains 20 mg of clindamycin.

- The other ingredients are: benzyl alcohol, sorbitan stearate, polysorbate 60, propylene glycol, stearic acid, cetostearyl alcohol, cetyl palmitate, liquid paraffin and water.

**What Dalacin Cream looks like and contents of the pack**

Dalacin Cream is a white, semi solid cream. It is supplied in a laminated tube. Each tube contains 7.8 g, 20 g or 40 g of cream, packed in a cardboard carton together with the leaflet.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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