PREScribing Information

Bacitracin USP
(Bacitracin for Injection USP)

For Topical or Intramuscular Use in Solution

50 000 IU Sterile Powder

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Bacitracin, an antibiotic substance derived from cultures of Bacillus subtilis (Tracey), exerts pronounced antibacterial action in vitro against a variety of gram-positive and a few gram-negative organisms.

However, among systemic diseases, only staphylococcal infections qualify for consideration of bacitracin therapy. Bacitracin is assayed against a standard and its activity is expressed in units, 1 mg, having a potency of not less than 50 units.

Susceptibility plate testing: If the Kirby-Bauer method of disc susceptibility is used, a 10-unit bacitracin disc should give a zone over 13 mm when tested against a bacitracin-susceptible strain of Staphylococcus aureus. Absorption of bacitracin following intramuscular injection is rapid and complete. A dose of 200 or 300 units/kg every six hours gives serum levels of 0.2 to 2 mcg/mL in individuals with normal renal function. The drug is excreted slowly by glomerular filtration. It is widely distributed in all body organs and is demonstrable in ascitic and pleural fluids after intramuscular injection.

The use of intramuscular bacitracin is indicated in the treatment of infants with pneumonia and empyema caused by staphylococci shown to be susceptible to the drug.

Bacitracin solutions, applied locally in the form of compresses or instillations, may be used once or twice daily in secondarily infected wounds, ulcers, pyoderma and other superficial skin infections and in superficial infections of the eye caused by bacitracin-susceptible organisms. Bacitracin solutions may be
instilled into the nasal cavities or administered by inhalation as an aerosol in the treatment of bacitracin-
susceptible infections of the upper and lower respiratory tract. In severe or extensive infections,
appropriate antibacterial therapy should be given in addition to local treatment with bacitracin.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

This drug is contraindicated in those individuals with a history of previous hypersensitivity or toxic
reaction to it.

**WARNINGS**

**For Intramuscular Use**

Nephrotoxity: Bacitracin in parenteral (intramuscular) therapy may cause renal failure due to tubular and
glomerular necrosis. Its use should be restricted to infants with staphylococcal pneumonia and empyema
when due to organisms shown to be susceptible to bacitracin. It should be used only where adequate
laboratory facilities are available and when constant supervision of the patient is possible.

Renal function should be carefully determined prior to and daily during therapy. The recommended daily
dose should not be exceeded and fluid intake and urinary output maintained at proper levels to avoid
kidney toxicity. If renal toxicity occurs the drug should be discontinued. The concurrent use of other
nephrotoxic drugs, particularly streptomycin kanamycin, polymyxin B, polymyxin E (colistin), neomycin,
and viomycin, should be avoided.

**PRECAUTIONS**

See Warnings for precautions in regard to kidney toxicity associated with intramuscular use of bacitracin.

Adequate fluid intake should be maintained orally, or if necessary, by parenteral method.
As with other antibiotics, use of this drug may result in overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms, including fungi. If superinfection occurs, appropriate therapy should be instituted.

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

**Nephrotoxic reactions:** Albuminuria, Cylindruria Azotemia. Rising blood levels without any increase in dosage.

**Other reactions:** Nausea and vomiting. Pain at site of injection. Skin rashes.

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**TO BE ADMINISTERED INTRAMUSCULARLY.**

**Infant dose:**
For infants under 2500 grams - 900 units/kg/24 hours in 2 or 3 divided doses. For infants over 2500 grams - 1,000 units/kg/24 hours, in 2 or 3 divided doses. Intramuscular injections of the solution should be given in the upper outer quadrant of the buttocks, alternating right and left and avoiding multiple injections in the same region because of the transient pain following injection.

**Preparation of Solutions:**
Should be dissolved in Sodium Chloride Injection containing 2 percent procaine hydrochloride. The concentration of the antibiotic in the solution should not be less than 5,000 units per mL nor more than 10,000 units per mL.

Diluents containing parabens should not be used to reconstitute bacitracin; cloudy solutions and precipitate formation have occurred. Reconstitution of the 50,000 unit vial with 9.8 mL of diluent will result in a concentration of 5,000 units per mL.
TO BE ADMINISTERED TOPICALLY.

Preparation of Solution:
Solutions for topical application are prepared by dissolving bacitracin in Sterile Water for Injection or Sodium Chloride Injection in amounts to give the following concentrations:

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<td>Ophthalmic Solutions</td>
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<td>Intranasal Therapy</td>
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<td>Aerosol</td>
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PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION

Drug Substance

Proper Name: Bacitracin USP
Chemical structure: C_{66}H_{103}N_{17}O_{16}S
Structural Formula:
DESCRIPTION:
Bacitracin is a white to pale buff, hygroscopic powder, odorless or having a slight odor. It is freely soluble in water; insoluble in acetone, chloroform, and ether. While soluble in alcohol, methanol, and glacial acetic acid, there is some insoluble residue. It is precipitated from its solutions and inactivated by many of the heavy metals.

STABILITY AND STORAGE RECOMMENDATIONS:
Store unreconstituted Bacitracin in a refrigerator 2°C to 8°C. Solutions are rapidly inactivated at room temperature but are stable for one week when stored in a refrigerator 2°C to 8°C.

Availability of Dosage Forms:
Bacitracin USP is available in a vial containing 50,000 unit, packaged in cartons of 5’s.
PART III: CONSUMER INFORMATION

BACITRACIN USP

This leaflet is an addition to the Prescribing Information document and is designed specifically for Consumers. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about BACITRACIN USP. Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about the drug.

ABOUT THIS MEDICATION

What the medication is used for:
BACITRACIN USP can be used by a healthcare professional in the treatment of infants with pneumonia and empyema (accumulation of pus in the chest) caused by staphylococci (bacteria) and administered by injection in the muscle. BACITRACIN USP can also be used as a topically applied solution to treat infected wounds, ulcers, pyoderma and other superficial skin and eye infections under the supervision of a healthcare professional.

What it does:
BACITRACIN USP is an antibiotic that treats against a variety of organisms.

When it should not be used:
Do not take BACITRACIN USP if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to bacitracin.

What the medicinal ingredient is:
The active ingredient is bacitracin.

What the important nonmedicinal ingredients are:
There are no nonmedicinal ingredients.

What dosage forms it comes in:
BACITRACIN USP is available in a vial containing 50,000 units, packaged in cartons of 5’s.

WARNING AND PRECAUTIONS

BEFORE Bacitracin is administered to you or you use Bacitracin topically, talk to your doctor or pharmacist if:
- You have or have had kidney problems
- Any allergies to this drug

Intramuscular bacitracin can cause kidney failure. Kidney function will be carefully determined by the doctor before and daily during your therapy. Contact your doctor immediately and stop taking Bacitracin if the signs of kidney problems occur, with symptoms such as urinating less than usual or not at all, blood in the urine, lower back pain, or painful urination.

As with other antibiotics, this drug may cause an overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms, including fungi. If a superinfection occurs, talk to your doctor to start appropriate treatment.

INTERACTIONS WITH THIS MEDICATION

Do not use BACITRACIN USP at the same time as other nephrotoxic drugs, especially streptomycin kanamycin, polymyxin B, polymyxin E (colistin), neomycin, and viomycin.

PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION

Usual dose:

Infant dose:
As determined by the doctor: For infants under 2500 grams – 900 units/kg/24 hours in 2 or 3 divided doses. For infants over 2500 grams – 1000 units/kg/24 hours in 2 or 3 divided doses, by intramuscular injection.

Preparation of Solutions for Intramuscular Use or Topical Use:
These are prepared by the doctor or pharmacist.

Overdose:
If you feel you have been administered too much Bacitracin (injection), contact your attending healthcare professional.

In case of drug overdose with the ingestion of topical solution, contact a health care practitioner, hospital emergency department or regional Poison Control Centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

SIDE EFFECTS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

Other reactions include nausea and vomiting, pain at injection site, and skin rashes.

SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS, HOW OFTEN THEY HAPPEN AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

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| Uncommon         | Kidney problems (urinating less than usual or not at all, blood in the urine, lower back pain, or painful urination) | Yes | Yes |

This is not a complete list of side effects. For any unexpected effects while taking BACITRACIN, contact your doctor or pharmacist.
**HOW TO STORE IT**
Store unreconstituted BACITRACIN in a refrigerator 2-8°C. Solutions are rapidly inactivated at room temperature but are stable for one week when stored in a refrigerator 2-8°C.

**REPORTING SUSPECTED SIDE EFFECTS**
You can report any suspected adverse reactions associated with the use of health products to the Canada Vigilance Program by one of the following 3 ways:

- Report online at www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect
- Call toll-free at 1-866-234-2345
- Complete a Canada Vigilance Reporting Form and:
  - Fax toll-free to 1-866-678-6789, or
  - Mail to: Canada Vigilance Program
  - Health Canada
  - Postal Locator 0701D
  - Ottawa, Ontario
  - K1A 0K9

Postage paid labels, Canada Vigilance Reporting Form and the adverse reaction reporting guidelines are available on the MedEffect™ Canada Web site at www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect.

**NOTE:** Should you require information related to the management of side effects, contact your health professional. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.

**MORE INFORMATION**
This document plus the full Product Monograph, prepared for health professionals can be found at: http://www.Pfizer.ca or by contacting Pfizer Canada Inc. Medical Information at 1-800-463-6001.

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