

# Gentamicin Cream and Ointment

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## What it does:

Gentamicin cream or ointment is a topical antibiotic used to treat or prevent skin infections caused by bacteria.

## How it works:

Gentamicin kills bacteria by preventing them from reproducing, and by damaging their outer structural layer called the cell wall.

## How to use it:

Apply gentamicin cream or ointment exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not stop applying this medication without letting your doctor or pharmacist know. Even though the wound may appear to be healing, continue to apply gentamicin until the prescription is finished, or as directed by your doctor. If you are applying this medication to prevent infections, continue until directed otherwise by your doctor.

Cleanse and dry the affected area of skin before applying gentamicin, and wash your hands before and after the application.

## What to do if you miss a dose:

Apply gentamicin as soon as you remember and carry on with your usual schedule.

## Possible side effects:

Side effects with gentamicin cream and ointment are not common. If you experience any skin rash or irritation, stop the gentamicin cream or ointment and contact your doctor or pharmacist.



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