



MRSA Octenisan suppression treatment Instructions for service users in the community

Meticillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) suppression treatment helps to reduce the numbers of MRSA bacteria a person has or may carry. This treatment reduces the chances of developing an MRSA infection. If you do not wish to have suppression treatment, please discuss this with your GP or local Community Infection Prevention and Control or UK Health Security Agency Team.

This information aims to assist you to use MRSA suppression treatment correctly. The treatment is a combination of **two separate treatments** to be used over a 5 day period. It is important that you complete the 5 day course to reduce the possibility of developing a MRSA infection. Both treatments should be started on the same day.

Octenisan wash lotion (step-by-step guide on the back of this sheet)

An antibacterial washing lotion called octenisan which should be used for body and hair washing.

- Use the wash lotion instead of your normal skin and hair products, leaving for the recommended contact time of 1 minute before rinsing off thoroughly.
- You will need to shower or strip wash once daily for 5 days using the wash lotion.
- The wash lotion should also be used as a hair shampoo, you will need to wash your hair twice during the 5 day period. Hair can be washed as normal on other days during the treatment. Hair conditioner can be used as normal after using the Octenisan wash lotion.
- If you require assistance with this treatment, please discuss with your GP.

Bactroban nasal ointment (step-by-step guide on the back of this sheet)

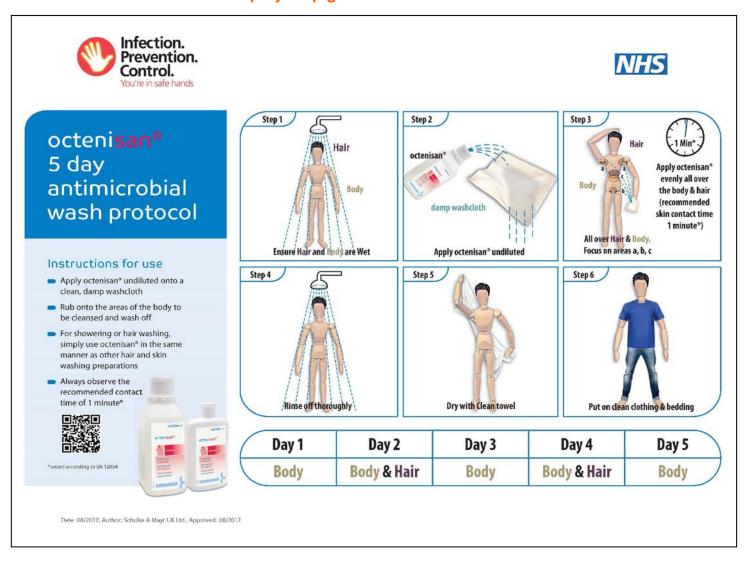
Place a small amount of the ointment about the size of a match-head on your little finger and apply to the inside of one nostril and repeat for the other nostril three times a day for five days. Pinch the nostrils lightly together after applying the ointment to help spread it. It is important to wash your hands with liquid soap and warm running water before and after applying the ointment.

Treatment plan

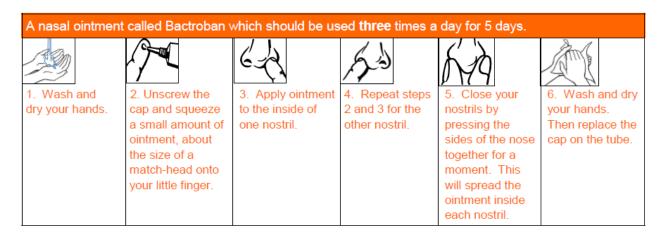
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| Treatment – Octenisan wash lotion | | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
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| Apply daily to skin during shower or wash | | | | | | |
| Comb wash lotion through hair | | | | | | |
| Apply nasal ointment inside both nostrils 3 times a day | Morning Afternoon | | | | | |
| | Evening | | | | | |

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If severe irritation occurs with any of the products, discontinue use and contact your local Community Infection Prevention and Control or UK Health Security Agency Team for further advice.