

## INFORMATION FOR CONSUMERS – Rx only

### ALTABAX™ (AL-Ta-Bax)

(retapamulin ointment), 1%

#### WHAT IS ALTABAX?

ALTABAX is a prescription medicine that belongs to a group of medicines called “antibacterials”. Antibacterial products work by killing disease-causing bacteria (germs) and/or keeping them from growing. ALTABAX is used to treat impetigo, a skin infection anyone can get, but often seen in children. Impetigo looks like small, liquid-filled blisters that break and develop a yellowish crust. Impetigo can spread easily from one person to another.

ALTABAX can be used in adults and children as young as 9 months old. ALTABAX has not been studied in children younger than 9 months of age.

#### WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY DOCTOR BEFORE TAKING ALTABAX?

Tell your doctor about all of your medical problems, including if you:

- Have had an allergic reaction to any medicine.
- Are pregnant or trying to become pregnant. It is not known if ALTABAX is safe for your unborn baby.
- Are breastfeeding. It is not known if ALTABAX passes into your breast milk.

Keep a list of all the medicines you take. Show this list to your doctor and pharmacist before you start a new medicine.

#### HOW SHOULD I APPLY ALTABAX?

Use a clean cotton swab to spread a thin layer of ALTABAX over the infected area, twice a day for 5 days. Wash your hands after applying ALTABAX. If you need to spread ALTABAX on an infected area on your hands, then keep the treated area dry.

- ALTABAX is for use only on the skin. Do not swallow ALTABAX or put it in the eyes, on the mouth or lips, inside the nose, or inside the female genital area.
- You can cover the treated area with a clean bandage or gauze if you choose. This may help stop babies and young children from touching or licking the infected area. A bandage will protect the treated area and keep ALTABAX out of the eyes or other areas.
- Be sure to use ALTABAX for the full 5 days, even though the skin infection seems to be getting better.
- Call your doctor if there is no improvement in symptoms within 3 to 4 days after starting use of ALTABAX.

#### WHAT ARE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF ALTABAX?

Tell your doctor if the treated area becomes more irritated, gets red or itchy, burns, or shows swelling, blistering, or oozing.

Call your doctor if you have any side effects that bother you or don't go away.

#### HOW SHOULD I STORE ALTABAX?

Store ALTABAX at room temperature, which is between 59°F and 86°F.

Throw away ALTABAX that is out of date or no longer needed.

Keep ALTABAX and all medicines out of the reach of children.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ALTABAX

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions other than those described in patient information leaflets. Do not use ALTABAX for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give ALTABAX to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This leaflet tells you the most important information about ALTABAX. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about ALTABAX that is written for healthcare professionals. You can also find out more about ALTABAX by visiting the website [www.ALTABAX.com](http://www.ALTABAX.com) or calling 1-888-825-5249. This call is free.

#### WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS IN ALTABAX?

Active Ingredient: Retapamulin

Inactive Ingredients: White petrolatum

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