

## Summary of Product Characteristics

### 1. Name of the medicinal product

Dawaflox 250mg Capsules

### 2. Qualitative and quantitative composition

Each capsules contains: Flucloxacillin (as Sodium)  
BP 250mg.

For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1

### 3. Pharmaceutical form

Capsules

White powder filled in a cylindrical hard gelatin capsule of caramel body printed "DAWAFLOX 250 and a black cap printed Dawa logo.

### 4. Clinical particulars

Flucloxacillin is an isoxazolyl penicillin of the  $\beta$ -lactam group of antibiotics which exerts a bactericidal effect upon many Gram-positive organisms including  $\beta$ -lactamase-producing staphylococci and streptococci.

#### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

Flucloxacillin Sodium is indicated for the treatment of infections due to sensitive Gram-positive organisms, including  $\beta$ -lactamase producing staphylococci and streptococci.

Typical indications include:

##### ***Skin and soft tissue infections:***

Boils, cellulitis, infected burns, abscesses, infected skin conditions (e.g. ulcer, eczema, and acne), protection for skin grafts, carbuncles, furunculosis, infected wounds and impetigo

##### ***Respiratory tract infections:***

Pneumonia, lung abscess, empyema, sinusitis, pharyngitis, otitis media and externa, tonsillitis and quinsy

##### ***Other infections caused by Flucloxacillin-sensitive organisms:***

Osteomyelitis, urinary tract infection, enteritis, meningitis, endocarditis and septicaemia  
Flucloxacillin Sodium is also indicated for use as a prophylactic agent during major surgical procedures when appropriate; for example cardiothoracic and orthopaedic surgery.

Parenteral usage is indicated where oral dosage is inappropriate.

Consideration should be given to official local guidance (e.g. national recommendations) on the appropriate use of antibacterial agents.

Susceptibility of the causative organism to the treatment should be tested (if possible), although therapy may be initiated before the results are available.

#### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

##### Posology

The dosage depends on the age, weight and renal function of the patient, as well as on the severity of the infection.

Usual adult dosage (Including elderly patients) Oral – 250mg four times a day

In serious infections, the dosage may be doubled.

Osteomyelitis, endocarditis – Up to 8g daily, in divided doses six to eight hourly

Surgical prophylaxis – 1 to 2g IV at induction of anaesthesia followed by 500mg six hourly IV, IM or orally for up to 72 hours

#### Paediatric population

2-10 years: 125mg four times

daily Under 2 years: 62.5mg four times daily

Premature infants, neonates, sucklings and infants

Other pharmaceutical forms/strengths may be more appropriate for administration to this population. Abnormal renal function: In common with other penicillins, Flucloxacillin usage in patients with renal impairment does not usually require dosage reduction.

However, in the presence of severe renal failure (creatinine clearance <10ml/min) a reduction in dose or an extension of dose interval should be considered. Flucloxacillin is not significantly removed by dialysis and hence no supplementary dosages need to be administered either during, or at the end of the dialysis period. The maximum recommended dose in adults is 1 g every 8 to 12 hours.

#### Hepatic impairment:

Dose reduction in patients with reduced hepatic function is not necessary. Administration:

Oral: This medicine should be taken on an empty stomach. This means an hour before food or two hours after food.

### **4.3 Contraindications**

Flucloxacillin should not be given to patients with a history of hypersensitivity to  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics (e.g. penicillins, cephalosporins) or excipients.

Flucloxacillin is contra-indicated in patients with a previous history of Flucloxacillin associated jaundice/hepatic dysfunction.

### **4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use**

The occurrence at the treatment initiation of a feverish generalised erythema associated with pustula may be a symptom of acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP). In case of AGEP diagnosis, Flucloxacillin should be discontinued and any subsequent administration of Flucloxacillin contra-indicated.

The use of Flucloxacillin (like other penicillins) in patients with renal impairment does not usually require dosage reduction. In the presence of severe renal failure (creatinine clearance less than 10ml/min), however, a reduction in dose or an extension of dose interval should be considered because of the risk of neurotoxicity.

Flucloxacillin is not significantly removed by dialysis and so no supplementary dosages need to be administered either during or at the end of the dialysis period.

Hepatitis and cholestatic jaundice have been reported. These reactions are related neither to the dose nor to the route of administration. Flucloxacillin should be used with caution in patients with evidence of hepatic dysfunction, patients >50 years or patients with underlying

disease all of whom are at increased risk of hepatic reactions. The onset of these hepatic effects may be delayed for up to two months post-treatment. In several cases, the course of the reactions has been protracted and lasted for some months. In very rare cases, a fatal outcome has been reported.

As for other penicillins contact with the skin should be avoided as sensitisation may occur. Patients with a known history of allergy are more likely to develop a hypersensitivity reaction. Prolonged use of an anti-infective agent may occasionally result in overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms. Before initiating therapy with Flucloxacillin, careful enquiry should be made concerning previous hypersensitivity reactions to  $\beta$ -lactams. Cross-sensitivity between penicillins and cephalosporins is well documented. Serious and occasionally fatal hypersensitivity reactions (anaphylaxis) have been reported in patients receiving  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics. Although anaphylaxis is more frequent following parenteral therapy, it has occurred in patients on oral therapy. These reactions are more likely to occur in individuals with a history of  $\beta$ -lactam hypersensitivity. If anaphylaxis occurs Flucloxacillin should be discontinued and the appropriate therapy instituted. Serious anaphylactic reactions may require immediate emergency treatment with adrenaline (epinephrine). Ensure adequate airway and ventilation and give 100% oxygen. IV crystalloids, hydrocortisone, antihistamine and nebulized bronchodilators may also be required.

Special caution is essential in the newborn because of the risk of hyperbilirubinaemia. Studies have shown that, at high dose following parenteral administration, Flucloxacillin can displace bilirubin from plasma protein binding sites, and may therefore predispose to kernicterus in a jaundiced baby. In addition, special caution is essential in the newborn because of the potential for high serum levels of Flucloxacillin due to a reduced rate of renal excretion.

During prolonged treatments (e.g. osteomyelitis, endocarditis), regular monitoring of hepatic and renal functions is recommended.

Caution is advised when Flucloxacillin is administered concomitantly with paracetamol due to the increased risk of high anion gap metabolic acidosis (HAGMA). Patients at high risk of HAGMA are in particular those with severe renal impairment, sepsis or malnutrition especially if the maximum daily doses of paracetamol are used.

After co-administration of Flucloxacillin and paracetamol, a close monitoring is recommended in order to detect the appearance of acid-base disorders, namely HAGMA, including the search of urinary 5-oxoproline. If Flucloxacillin is continued after cessation of paracetamol, it is advisable to ensure that there are no signals of HAGMA, as there is a possibility of Flucloxacillin maintaining the clinical picture of HAGMA.

#### **4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

Probenecid and sulfinpyrazone slow down the excretion of Flucloxacillin by decreasing tubular secretion. Other drugs, such as piperacillin, which are excreted via renal tubular secretion, may interfere with Flucloxacillin elimination.

Oral typhoid vaccine may be inactivated by Flucloxacillin.

Flucloxacillin reduces the excretion of methotrexate which can cause methotrexate toxicity. Flucloxacillin may reduce the response to sugammadex.

There are cases of altered international normalized ratio (INR) in patients taking warfarin and prescribed a course of Flucloxacillin. If co-administration is necessary, the prothrombin time or international normalized ratio should be carefully monitored during addition or withdrawal of Flucloxacillin.

Bacteriostatic drugs may interfere with the bactericidal action of Flucloxacillin.

Caution should be taken when Flucloxacillin is used concomitantly with paracetamol as concurrent intake has been associated with high anion gap metabolic acidosis, especially in patients with risk factors.

#### 4.6 Pregnancy and lactation

**Pregnancy:** Animal studies with Flucloxacillin have shown no teratogenic effects. The product has been in clinical use since 1970 and the limited number of reported cases of use in human pregnancy have shown no evidence of untoward effects. The decision to administer any drug during pregnancy should be taken with the utmost care. Therefore Flucloxacillin should only be used in pregnancy when the potential benefits outweigh the potential risks associated with treatment.

**Lactation:** Trace quantities of Flucloxacillin can be detected in breast milk. The possibility of hypersensitivity reactions must be considered in breast-feeding infants. Therefore Flucloxacillin should only be administered to a breast-feeding mother when the potential benefits outweigh the potential risks associated with the treatment.

#### 4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Adverse effects on the ability to drive or operate machinery have not been observed.

#### 4.8 Undesirable effects

The following convention has been utilised for the classification of undesirable effects: **Very common** ( $\geq 1/10$ ), **common** ( $\geq 1/100$ ,  $< 1/10$ ), **uncommon** ( $\geq 1/1000$ ,  $< 1/100$ ), **rare** ( $\geq 1/10,000$ ,  $< 1/1000$ ), **very rare** ( $< 1/10,000$ ), **not known** (cannot be estimated from the available data).

Unless otherwise stated, the frequency of the adverse events has been derived from more than 30 years of post-marketing reports.

| System organ class                          | Frequency | Undesirable Effects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Blood and lymphatic system disorders</b> | Very Rare | Neutropenia (including agranulocytosis) and thrombocytopenia. These are reversible when treatment is discontinued. Eosinophilia, Haemolytic anaemia.                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Immune system disorders</b>              | Very Rare | Anaphylactic shock (exceptional with oral administration) (see Section 4.4 special Warnings and special precautions for use), angioneurotic oedema. If any hypersensitivity reaction occurs, the treatment should be discontinued. (See also Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders). |
| <b>Metabolism and nutrition disorders</b>   | Very Rare | Post marketing experience: very rare cases of high anion gap metabolic acidosis, when flucloxacillin is used concomitantly with paracetamol, generally in the presence of risk factors (see section 4.4.)                                                                             |
| <b>Metabolism and nutrition disorders</b>   | Not known | Hypokalaemia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>           | Common    | *Minor gastrointestinal disturbances.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>           | Very Rare | Pseudomembranous colitis. If pseudomembranous colitis develops, flucloxacillin treatment should be discontinued and appropriate therapy, e.g. oral vancomycin should be initiated.                                                                                                    |
| <b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>           | Not known | Oesophageal pain and related events **                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>Hepato-biliary disorders</b>                             | Very Rare | Hepatitis and cholestatic jaundice. (See Section 4.4 Special Warnings and Special Precautions for Use). Changes in liver function laboratory test results (reversible when treatment is discontinued). These reactions are related neither to the dose nor to the route of administration. Hepatitis and cholestatic jaundice may be delayed for up to two months post-treatment; in several cases the course of the reactions has been protracted and lasted for some months. Hepatic events may be severe and in very rare circumstances a fatal outcome has been reported. Most reports of deaths have been in patients $\geq 50$ years and in patients with serious underlying disease. There is evidence that the risk of flucloxacillin induced liver injury is increased in subjects carrying the HLA-B5701 allele. <i>Despite this strong association, only 1 in 500-1000 carriers will develop liver injury. Consequently, the positive predictive value of testing the HLA-B5701 allele for liver injury is very low (0.12%) and routine screening for this allele is not recommended.</i> |
| <b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</b>               | Uncommon  | *Rash, urticaria and purpura.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</b>               | Very Rare | Erythema multiforme, Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis. (See also Immune system disorders).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</b>               | Not known | AGEP – acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis (see section 4.4).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>      | Very Rare | Arthralgia and myalgia sometimes develop more than 48 hours after the start of the treatment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Renal and urinary disorders</b>                          | Very Rare | Interstitial nephritis. This is reversible when treatment is discontinued.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b> | Very Rare | Fever sometimes develops more than 48 hours after the start of the treatment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

\* The incidence of these AEs was derived from clinical studies involving a total of approximately 929 adult and paediatric patients taking flucloxacillin.

\*\* Oesophagitis, burn oesophageal, throat irritation, oropharyngeal pain or oral pain.

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions: Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via pharmacy and poisons board, Pharmacovigilance Electronic Reporting System (PvERS) <https://pv.pharmacyboardkenya.org>

## 4.9 Overdose

With high doses (mainly parenteral) neurotoxicity may develop.

Gastrointestinal effects such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may be evident and should be treated symptomatically.

Flucloxacillin is not removed from the circulation by haemodialysis.

## 5. Pharmacological properties

### 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic Group: Beta-Lactamase Resistant

Penicillins ATC code: J01CF05

Properties: Flucloxacillin is a narrow-spectrum antibiotic of the group of isoxazolyl penicillins; it is not inactivated by staphylococcal  $\beta$ -lactamases.

Activity: Flucloxacillin, by its action on the synthesis of the bacterial wall, exerts a bactericidal effect on streptococci except those of group D (*Enterococcus faecalis*) staphylococci. It is not active against methicillin-resistant staphylococci

There is evidence that the risk of Flucloxacillin induced liver injury is increased in subjects carrying the HLA-B\*5701 allele. Despite this strong association, only 1 in 500-1000 carriers will develop liver injury. Consequently, the positive predictive value of testing the HLA-B\*5701 allele for liver injury is very low (0.12%) and routine screening for this allele is not recommended.

## 5.2 Pharmacokinetic

### properties Absorption:

Flucloxacillin is stable in acid media and can therefore be administered either by the oral or parenteral route. The peak serum levels of Flucloxacillin reached after one hour are as follows.

- After 250mg by the oral route (in fasting subjects): Approximately 8.8mg/l
- After 500mg by the oral route (in fasting subjects): Approximately 14.5mg/l
- After 500mg by the IM route: Approximately 16.5mg/l

The total quantity absorbed by the oral route represents approximately 79% of the quantity administered

**Distribution:** Flucloxacillin diffuses well into most tissue. Specifically, active concentrations of Flucloxacillin have been recovered in bones: 11.6mg/l (compact bone) and 15.6mg/l (spongy bone), with a mean serum level of 8.9mg/l.

Crossing the meningeal barrier: Flucloxacillin diffuses in only small proportion into the cerebrospinal fluid of subjects whose meninges are not inflamed. Crossing into mothers' milk: Flucloxacillin is excreted in small quantities in mothers' milk

**Metabolism:** In normal subjects approximately 10% of the Flucloxacillin administered is metabolised to penicilloic acid. The elimination half-life of Flucloxacillin is in the order of 53 minutes.

**Excretion:** Occurs mainly through the kidney. Between 65.5% (oral route) and 76.1% (parenteral route) of the dose administered is recovered in unaltered active form in the urine within 8 hours. A small portion of the dose administered is excreted in the bile. The excretion of Flucloxacillin is slowed in cases of renal failure.

**Protein binding:** The serum protein-binding rate is 95%.

## 5.3 Preclinical safety data

No further information of relevance to add

## 6. Pharmaceutical particulars

### 6.1 List of excipients.

Magnesium stearate

Black/caramel empty hard gelatin size 2

### 6.2 Incompatibilities

None stated

### **6.3 Shelf life**

3 years from date of manufacture.

### **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

Store in a dry place, below 30°C. Protected from light. Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

### **6.5 Nature and contents of container**

Bulk packs of 1000's in a well labeled HDPE jar and blister packs of 5x10's and 10x10's in printed unit box with literature insert.

### **6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling**

Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

### **7.0 Marketing authorisation holder and manufacturing site addresses:**

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P.O Box 16633-00620 Nairobi- Kenya.

### **8.0 Marketing authorisation number(s)**

H2012/CTD185/034

**9.0 Date of first Registration:** 17th May 2012

**Date of latest Renewal:** November 2025

### **10.0 Date of revision of the text**

10/08/2026

### **11.0 Dosimetry**

Not Applicable.

### **12.0 Instructions for preparation of radiopharmaceuticals**

Not Applicable.