

Frequently Asked Questions on Abicin

Q: What is Abicin 30% Resin Lacquer?

A: Abicin 30% Resin Lacquer is a modern CE Marked (EU Medical Device class IIa) lacquer for treatment of fungal nail infections and paronychia.

Q: What are the indications for Abicin 30% Resin Lacquer?

A: Abicin 30% Resin Lacquer is indicated for home use in the treatment of fungal nail infections and paronychia.

Q: What are the main properties of Abicin?

A: The antifungal and antibacterial effectiveness of Abicin 30% Resin Lacquer has been studied and confirmed by *in vitro* and *in vivo* research methods required by modern medical science. Abicin 30% Resin Lacquer is effective against all the usual dermatophyte i.e. filamentous fungal infections of the skin and nails of man. The antifungal efficacy covers dermatophytes of the *Trichophyton*, *Microsporum* and *Epidermophyton* -geni. Abicin 30% Resin Lacquer is also very effective against many bacteria causing paronychia, such as staphylococci and streptococci.

Q: How long should Abicin be used?

A: Abicin 30% Resin Lacquer is used for 3-12 months depending on the position and the severity of the fungal nail infection. The treatment of bacterial paronychia lasts 1-3 weeks.

Q: Can diabetics use Abicin?

A: Yes, diabetic patients can use Abicin.

Q: Is the product sterile?

A: Abicin is not sterile in the sense that it has not undergone any external sterilisation process. However, the product is self-preserving due to its antimicrobial activity and is suitable for reuse over a 12-month period.

Q: Is there bacterial resistance to Abicin?

A: No, there have not been any reports of bacterial resistance.

Q: How is the resin cultivated?

A: When a tree is damaged it produces a sticky resin to plug the wound and protect the tree from infection. Over a period of many years this resin seals the tree wound. At this time, the resin is harvested by hand.

Q: How is the resin purified?

A: To purify the resin it must be separated from dirt and bark chippings and other unwanted components. This is done by a patented method at low temperature which prevents the production of potentially hazardous tars.

Q: Can Abicin be stored in the refrigerator?

A: Yes. Abicin 30% Resin Lacquer can be stored in the refrigerator. However, it is not mandatory. It should not be stored in the freezer or in temperatures over 35°C and the recommended storage temperature is room temperature.

Q: Does Abicin 30 % Resin Lacquer colour the nail?

A: Yes, Abicin can cause the nail to appear brownish. This can be avoided by removing the previous lacquer layers before adding another layer.

Q: How is Abicin 30% Resin Lacquer used?

A: Abicin is used by spreading a thin layer of the product on the infected nail twice a week, until a new, healthy nail has grown. For more detailed instructions please refer to the up-to-date instructions for use.