

Nizoral

TRADEMARK
ketoconazole

The first oral anti-fungal effective against all pathogenic fungi

dosage:

vaginal candidosis:	all other superficial and systemic fungal infections:
2 tablets once daily (with food) for 5 days	1 tablet daily (with food) until complete symptomatic and mycological cure is obtained

PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

Presentation: white, flat, half-scored uncoated tablets marked 'Janssen' on one side and N/200 on the reverse. Each tablet contains 200 mg ketoconazole. **Uses:** Nizoral is an orally active antifungal for the treatment in adults, of vaginal candidosis, superficial and systemic mycoses including dermatophyte and yeast infections of the skin, hair and nails, yeast infections of the mouth and G.I. tract. Also maintenance treatment of systemic mycoses and chronic mucocutaneous candidosis and prophylaxis in "at risk" patients. In children, systemic mycoses and severe local infections where previous topical treatment has failed. **Side-effects, precautions, contra-indications:** contra-indicated in pregnancy. For maximal absorption Nizoral should be taken with meals. The use of agents which reduce gastric acidity (anti-cholinergic drugs, antacids, H₂ blockers) should be avoided and, if indicated, such drugs should be taken not less than two hours after Nizoral. Nausea, skin rash, headache and pruritus may occasionally be observed. Alterations in liver function test have occurred in patients on ketoconazole, these changes may be transient. Cases of hepatitis have been reported with an incidence of about 1 per 10,000 patients. Some of these may represent an idiosyncratic adverse reaction to the drug. This should be borne in mind in patients on long-term therapy. If a patient develops jaundice or any symptoms suggestive of hepatitis, treatment with ketoconazole should be stopped.

Not all indications are as yet approved in all countries.

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TODAY'S TREATMENT/4

The drugs that we use today are increasingly potent, dangerous, and expensive, and every doctor should have some understanding of clinical pharmacology and drug-induced diseases. Both these subjects, which have been badly taught in medical schools, are covered comprehensively in this new book, which consists of articles taken from the *BMJ*. Also included are articles that provide a clear and up-to-the-minute introduction to anaesthetics.

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Presentation Tablets of 25 and 50mg; rectal suppositories; suppositories of 100mg diclofenac sodium. **Indications** Rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, low back pain and other osteoarthritic conditions, ankylosing spondylitis, acute gout. **Dosage** Tablets: 75-150mg daily in two or three divided doses. Suppositories: one daily, usually at night. In more severe cases, combined therapy with tablets is recommended (daily dose should not exceed 150mg). **Solatrimics** transient epigastric pain, nausea and diarrhoea, headache and slight dizziness have been reported, as occasionally have skin rash, peripheral oedema and abdominal cramps. In rare cases (aminases and (very rarely) peptic ulcer and haematemesis or melena). Local reactions to suppositories include itching, burning and increased frequency of bowel movement. **Precautions** Do not prescribe during pregnancy unless there are compelling reasons. Patients with a history of peptic ulcer, haematemesis or melena, or with severe hepatic or renal insufficiency should be kept under close surveillance. Voltarol has been reported to depress salicylate levels and vice versa; the clinical relevance of this is not yet clear. Use suppositories only with caution in patients with painful or irritable ano-rectal conditions. **Contra-indications** Peptic ulceration; patients in whom attacks of asthma, urticaria or acute rhinitis are precipitated by aspirin or other NSAIs. **Packs** Tablets 25mg (PL0001/0036) in packs of 100, basic N.H.S. price £9.54; tablets 50mg (PL0001/0082) in packs of 100, £18.55; suppositories 100mg (PL0001/0083) in packs of 10, £3.16. Full prescribing information is available from Geigy Pharmaceuticals, Horsham, West Sussex.

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