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Prescribing Information
Presentation: white, flat, half scored uncoated tablets marked "Janssen" on one side and K/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 tests 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. Mild asymptomatic increases of liver enzyme levels, on the other hand, do not necessitate discontinuation of the treatment. Ketoconazole, when given together with cyclosporin A results in increased blood levels of cyclosporin A. It is important that blood levels of cyclosporin A are monitored if the two drugs are given concomitantly. Ketoconazole 200 mg once daily produces a transient decrease in plasma levels of testosterone. During long term therapy at this dose, testosterone levels are usually not significantly different from controls. In rare instances, gynecomastia has been reported.



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Elston Grey-Turner, the much loved former secretary of the BMA who died in 1984, was often referred to by colleagues as "The Colonel" in tribute to his military service in the RAMC and the Territorial Army. As a tribute to his memory the *BMJ* commissioned a collection of reminiscences by doctors of their experiences in the second world war and their feelings as it came to an end. For some, VE Day was a time for celebration, but others were too busy to notice or, as prisoners of war, did not even know that it had happened. The exigencies of war brought enormous advances in surgery and medicine—particularly in the use of blood transfusion and penicillin—while in the civilian hospitals newly qualified doctors and medical students took on responsibilities that are almost unimaginable today.

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