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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 antimycotic 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 GI-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, contraindications:** contraindicated in pregnancy. For maximal absorption Nizoral should be taken with meals. The use of agents which reduce gastric acidity (anticholinergic 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 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 were usually not significantly different from controls. In rare instances, gynecomastia has been reported.

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Zantac
RANITIDINE

PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: THE USUAL ADULT DOSE IS ONE 150MG TABLET TWICE DAILY OR A SINGLE DOSE OF 300MG AT NIGHT TIME FOR DUODENAL ULCER. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO TIME THE DOSE IN RELATION TO MEALS. ZANTAC DISPERSIBLE TABLETS SHOULD BE PLACED IN HALF A GLASS OF WATER (MINIMUM 75ML) AND STIRRED UNTIL DISPERSED BEFORE SWALLOWING. IN MOST CASES OF DUODENAL ULCER AND BENIGN GASTRIC ULCER, HEALING WILL OCCUR IN FOUR WEEKS. PATIENTS WITH A HISTORY OF RECURRENT ULCER MAY HAVE AN EXTENDED COURSE OF ONE 150MG TABLET DAILY AT BEDTIME. FOR REFLUX OESOPHAGITIS THE RECOMMENDED COURSE FOR ADULTS IS ONE 150MG TABLET TWICE DAILY FOR UP TO EIGHT WEEKS. **SIDE EFFECTS:** HEADACHES, DIZZINESS AND SKIN RASHES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. ANAPHYLACTOID REACTIONS HAVE BEEN SEEN RARELY. **PRECAUTIONS:** WHERE GASTRIC ULCER IS SUSPECTED, THE POSSIBILITY OF MALIGNANCY SHOULD BE EXCLUDED BEFORE THERAPY IS INSTITUTED. PATIENTS RECEIVING PROLONGED

TREATMENT SHOULD BE EXAMINED PERIODICALLY. DOSAGE SHOULD BE REDUCED IN THE PRESENCE OF SEVERE RENAL IMPAIRMENT (SEE DATA SHEET). AS WITH ALL DRUGS, ZANTAC SHOULD BE USED DURING PREGNANCY AND NURSING ONLY IF STRICTLY NECESSARY. **CONTRA-INDICATIONS:** RANITIDINE IS CONTRA-INDICATED FOR PATIENTS KNOWN TO HAVE HYPERSENSITIVITY TO THE DRUG. **BASIC NHS COST** (EXCLUSIVE OF VAT): 60 X 150MG TABLETS £27.43, 30 X 300MG TABLETS £27.43, 60 X 150MG DISPERSIBLE TABLETS £28.80. **PRODUCT LICENCE NUMBERS:** 0004/0279 (150MG), 0004/0302 (300MG), 0004/0298 (DISPERSIBLE). ZANTAC IS A GLAXO TRADE MARK. FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM: GLAXO LABORATORIES LIMITED, GREENFORD, MIDDLESEX UB6 0HE.

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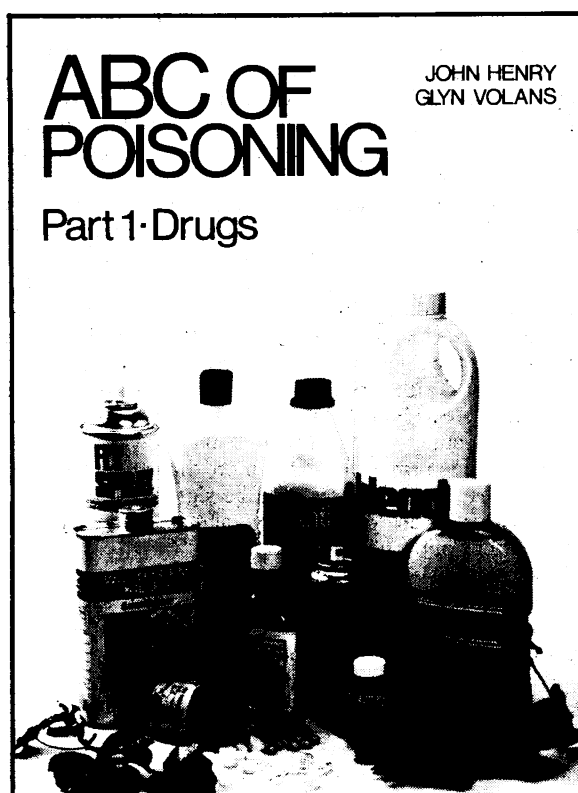
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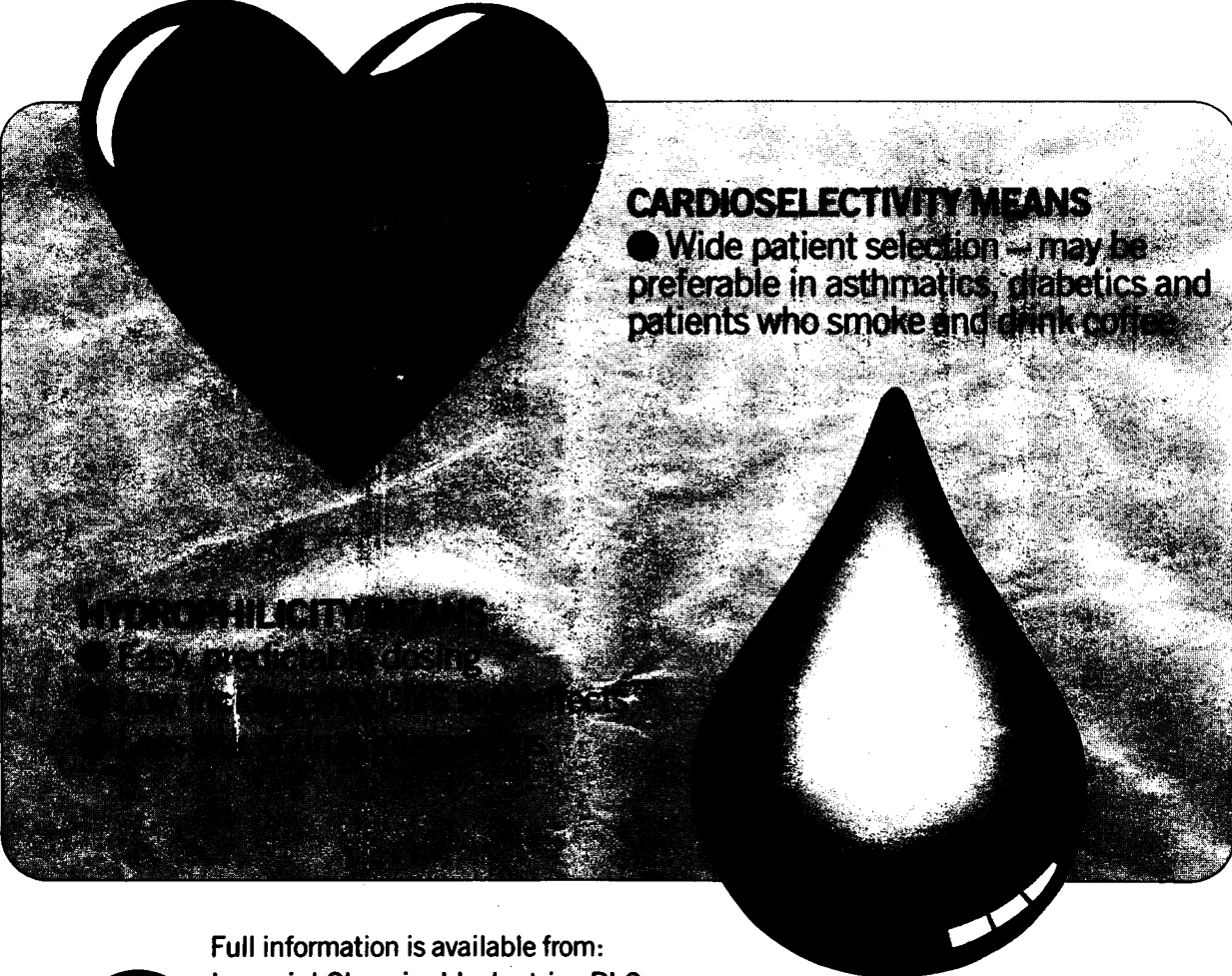


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