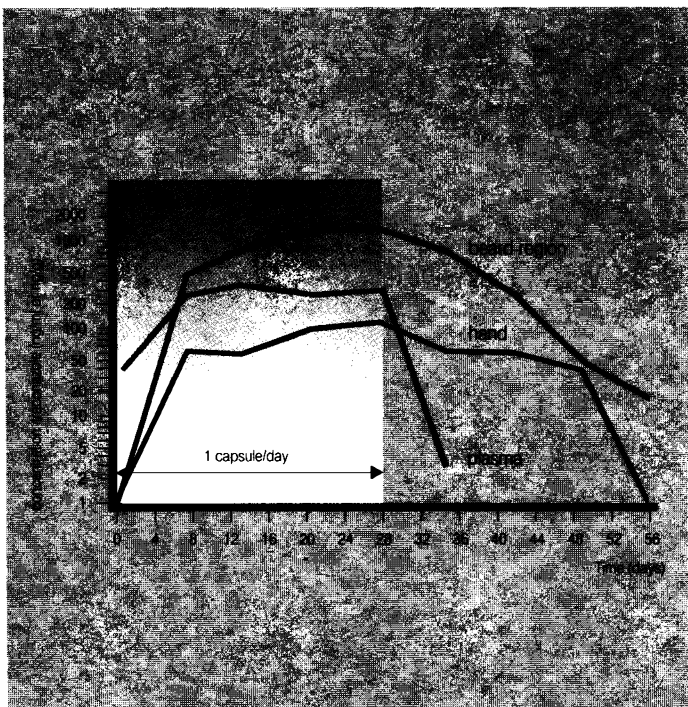


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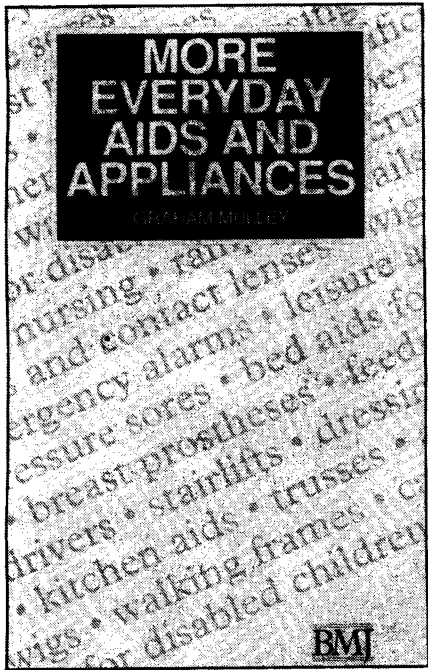
pityriasis versicolor: 2 capsules (200 mg) once daily for 7 days; tinea corporis, tinea cruris, tinea pedis, tinea manus: 1 capsule (100 mg) daily for 15 days; highly keratinized regions, as in plantar tinea pedis and palmar tinea manus, require 1 capsule (100 mg) daily for 30 days. Oral candidosis: 1 capsule (100 mg) daily for 15 days. Fungal keratitis: 2 capsules (200 mg) once daily for 21 days. **Contra-indications:** Sporanox (itraconazole) is contra-indicated during pregnancy. **Warnings and precautions:** Although clinically Sporanox (itracona-

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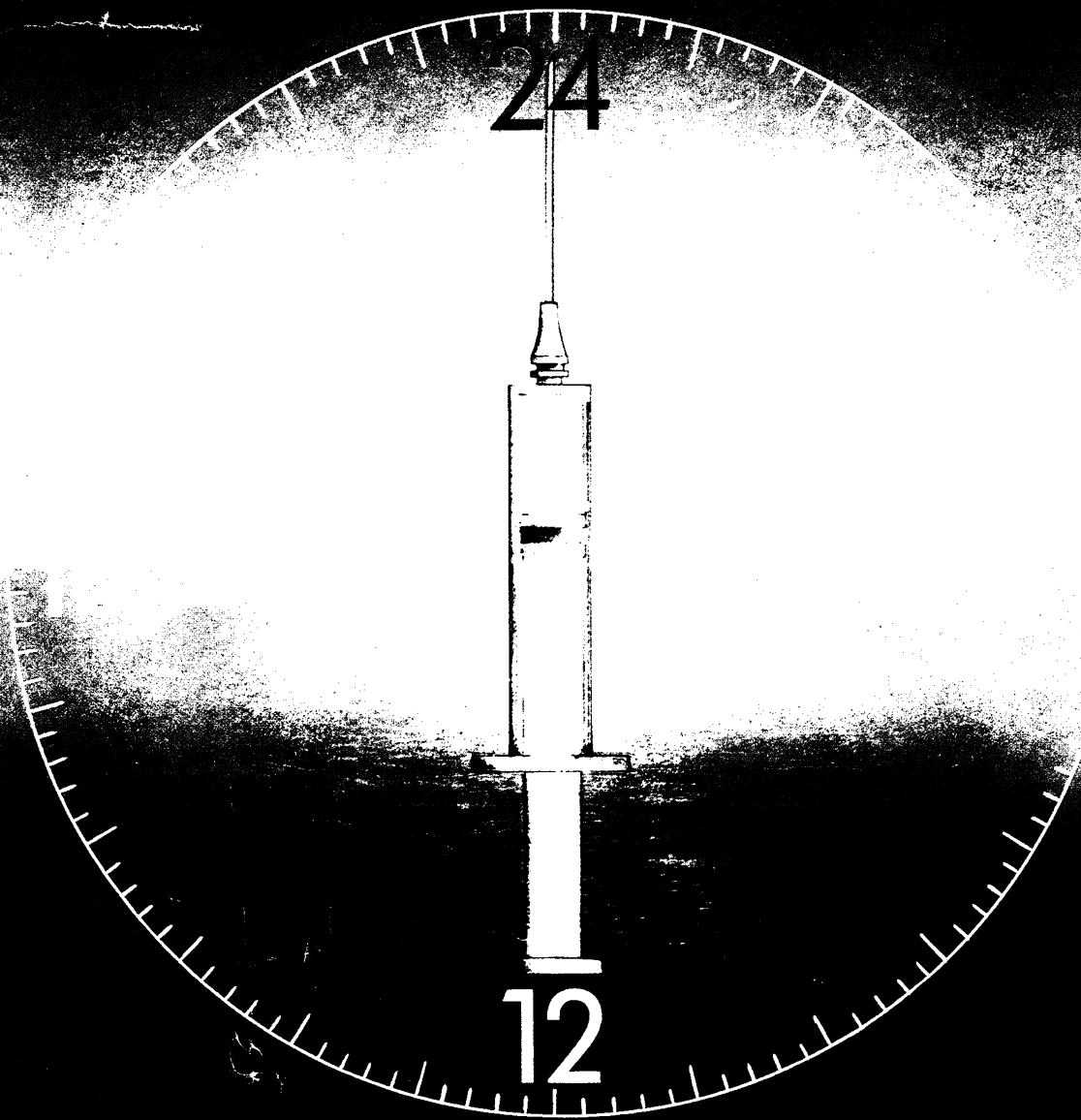
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