

SHORT COURSE ORAL THERAPY FOR PROLONGED ANTIFUNGAL ACTIVITY

In the past, fungal infections had to be treated until the lesions had disappeared — and sometimes even longer. Today, with modern oral medication, antifungal therapy may be stopped much earlier.

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Thus, a conveniently short oral course of itraconazole provides prolonged antifungal activity, allowing treatment to be stopped before the lesions have completely disappeared.

Itraconazole plasma and stratum corneum levels.
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J.R. Prous Science Publishers (1987)

Sporanox^{*}

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Standard dose in vaginal candidosis: 2 x 2 capsules (400 mg) for 1 day

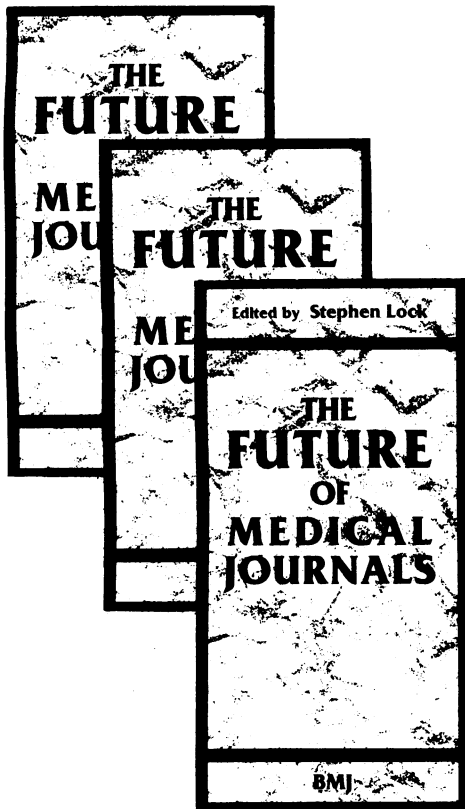
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pityriasis versicolor: 2 capsules (200 mg) once daily for 7 days; tinea corporis, tinea cruris, tinea pedis, tinea manus: 1 capsule (100 mg) daily for 15 days; highly keratinized regions, as in plantar tinea pedis and palmar tinea manus, require 1 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. **Contraindications:** Sporanox (itraconazole) is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

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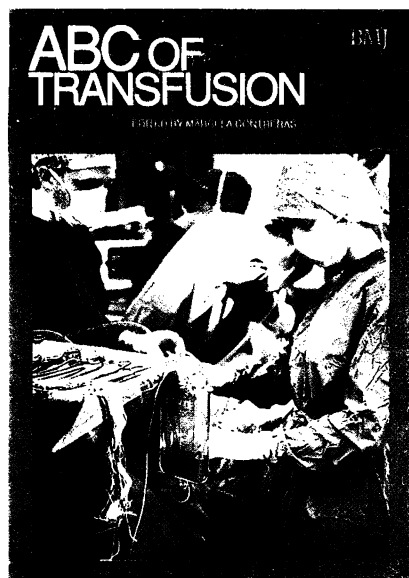
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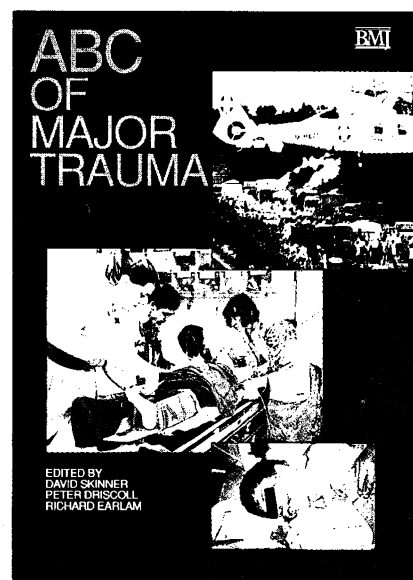
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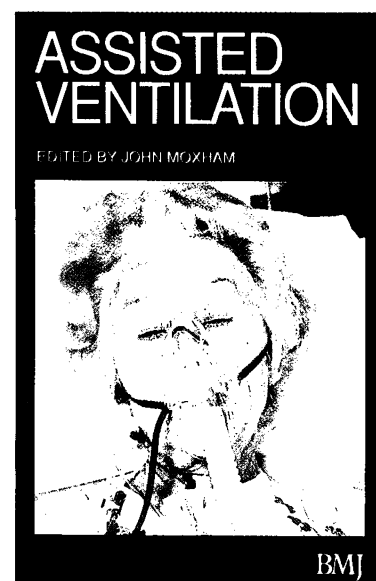
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