

Palmetto State Pharmaceuticals

Patient Drug Education

FLUCONAZOLE 150 MG TABLET

USES:

Fluconazole is an azole antifungal medication used to treat vaginal yeast infections.

HOW TO TAKE THIS MEDICATION:

HOW TO USE: Take this medication by mouth usually as a one-time only dose, with or without food, or as directed by your doctor. This medication comes with a patient information leaflet. Read it carefully. Ask your doctor or pharmacist any questions you may have about this medicine. If your condition does not improve after 5 days or worsens, contact your doctor.

SIDE EFFECTS:

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach upset/pain, headache, or dizziness may occur. If any of these effects persist or worsen, notify your doctor or pharmacist promptly. Remember that your doctor has prescribed this medication because the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication do not have serious side effects. This drug may rarely cause serious (possibly fatal) liver disease. If you notice any of these highly unlikely but very serious side effects, seek immediate medical attention: severe stomach/abdominal pain, persistent nausea/vomiting, yellowing eyes or skin, dark urine, unusual tiredness. A serious allergic reaction to this drug is unlikely, but seek immediate medical attention if it occurs. Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction include: rash, itching, swelling, severe dizziness, trouble breathing. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

PRECAUTIONS:

Before taking fluconazole, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to it; or to other azole antifungal drugs (e.g., ketoconazole, itraconazole); or if you have any other allergies. Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: heart disease, liver disease, kidney disease. Although uncommon, this drug may make you dizzy; use caution engaging in activities requiring alertness such as driving or using machinery. Limit alcoholic beverages. Because kidney function can decrease with age, use caution in the elderly as they may be more sensitive to the effects of this medication. This medication should be used only when clearly needed during pregnancy. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor. Fluconazole passes into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

DRUG INTERACTIONS:

This drug should not be used with the following medications because very serious interactions may occur: cisapride. If you are currently using any of these medications, tell your doctor or pharmacist before starting fluconazole. Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist of all prescription and nonprescription/herbal products you may use, especially of: amitriptyline, certain anti-diabetic drugs (sulfonylureas such as glipizide, glyburide, tolbutamide), certain benzodiazepines (e.g., alprazolam, midazolam, triazolam), "blood thinners" (e.g., warfarin), certain calcium channel blockers (e.g., felodipine, nifedipine), carbamazepine, certain COX-2 inhibitors (e.g., celecoxib), certain drugs that affect the immune system (e.g., cyclosporine, tacrolimus), eplerenone, phenytoin, rifamycins (e.g., rifabutin, rifampin), theophylline. Do not start or stop any medicine without doctor or pharmacist approval.

NOTES:

Do not share this medication with others. This medication has been prescribed for your current condition only. Do not use it later for another infection unless told to do so by your doctor. A different medication may be necessary in those cases.

MISSED DOSE:

If you are prescribed more than one dose and you miss it, contact your doctor for instructions.

STORAGE:

Store the US product below 86 degrees F (30 degrees C) away from light and moisture. Do not freeze. Do not store in the bathroom. Store the Canadian product at room temperature between 59 and 86 degrees F (15-30 degrees C) away from light and moisture. Do not store in the bathroom. Keep all medicines away from children and pets.