

FLUCONAZOLE (DIFLUCAN®)



How do this medication work?

Fluconazole is used for the treatment or prevention of fungal infections. It is effective against some fungi which may infect people with weakened immune systems as in the case of infection by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Fluconazole is used with antiretroviral medications (anti-HIV) which do not eliminate HIV. There is a permanent risk of transmitting HIV either through sexual or blood contact. It is therefore essential that precautions always be taken (use latex condoms, do not share syringes).



How do I take this medication ?

Fluconazole

< ____ tablet(s) of ____ mg
< ____ times a day

It is important to take fluconazole regularly, without forgetting a dose, even if you do not feel ill.

Unless you have serious side effects (see section on **side effects**), *never stop your treatment without first speaking to your doctor.*



What if I forget taking a dose?

Take the dose you missed as soon as possible and continue with your regular schedule.

However, if it is nearly time for your next dose, do not take the missed dose and continue with your regular schedule. **Do not double up doses.**



What are the side effects of this medication?

Can I take fluconazole with other medications?

Fluconazole may interact with a number of other medications.

Consult your doctor or pharmacist before taking any new prescription or non-prescription medication, natural product or recreational drug.



 <p>Normal reactions which will disappear or can be treated. Continue the medication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain - Headache, dizziness, fatigue
 <p>See your doctor IMMEDIATELY</p>	<p>Rash WITH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skin eruption or swelling - Difficulty breathing - Fever

Inform your doctor and pharmacist of any troublesome side effects. They can help you to manage them.

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Can I drink alcohol or take drugs if I'm on fluconazole ?

Avoid regular alcohol consumption which may damage your liver, especially if you are a hepatitis carrier. Reasonable consumption should not harm your health.

However, do not miss a dose of your medication because you take alcohol or drugs.



What if I'm pregnant or breast-feeding?

Fluconazole should not be used in pregnant women.

Breast-feeding is not recommended in HIV-positive women.



Storage

Avoid storage in bathrooms.

Keep fluconazole in a dry place at room temperature.

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.



General advice

Always keep your appointments with your doctor and care team, so that your health status can be closely monitored even if you have no symptoms.

