

Clotrimazole 1% Cream BP

Patient Information Leaflet

What you need to know about your medicine

Clotrimazole Cream contains Clotrimazole 1 % B.P. as the active substance. It also contains sorbitan monostearate, Polysorbate 60, cetyl esters wax, stearyl alcohol, cetyl alcohol, 2-octyldodecanol, benzyl alcohol and water. This pack contains 20g of cream.

Clotrimazole is one of a group of medicines known as Imidazoles. Medicines of this group are used to treat skin infections caused by several types of fungi.

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What is Clotrimazole Cream used for ?

Clotrimazole Cream is used to treat fungal infections such as athlete's foot, ringworm and fungal nappy rash.

It can also be used to treat fungal infections in the breast fold (Intertrigo) and infections associated with thrush such as irritation of the vagina (Candidal vaginitis) or the end of the penis (Candidal balanitis).

Other uses of Clotrimazole Cream include the treatment of fungal infections around the fingernails (paronychia), and certain other fungal skin infections (erythrasma and pityriasis).

If you are unsure of the cause of an infection consult a doctor or a pharmacist (chemist) before use.

When should Clotrimazole Cream not be used ?

Clotrimazole Cream should not be used in people who have had an allergic reaction to clotrimazole or any of the other ingredients of Clotrimazole Cream (listed above).

Clotrimazole Cream should also not be used during pregnancy or breast-feeding without consulting a doctor.

How is Clotrimazole Cream used ?

If Clotrimazole Cream has been prescribed to you by a doctor, follow the instructions that the doctor gave you.

If you have purchased Clotrimazole Cream without a prescription then follow these instructions:

Apply the cream to the affected area two or three times daily for at least two weeks. In some cases however, Clotrimazole Cream needs to be applied for more than four weeks.

If you are using Clotrimazole Cream for a foot infection, you should ensure that the feet especially between the toes are washed and dried thoroughly before application.

All infected areas should be kept clean and you should avoid scratching the infected areas. It is best to keep infected areas dry and exposed to air whenever possible.

IF SYMPTOMS DO NOT IMPROVE YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR. ITCHING AND SORENESS SHOULD IMPROVE AFTER A FEW DAYS ALTHOUGH REDNESS AND SCALING MAY TAKE LONGER TO IMPROVE.

Clotrimazole Cream is for external use only and should not be used in the mouth. If it is accidentally swallowed you should consult a doctor immediately.

If you forget an application of Clotrimazole Cream, use it as soon as you remember and carry on as usual afterwards.

What undesirable effects might Clotrimazole Cream produce ?

A few people experience slight burning or irritation after using Clotrimazole Cream. If you cannot tolerate this, stop treatment and consult your doctor or pharmacist.

If your symptoms get worse or you react badly to Clotrimazole Cream, stop treatment immediately and consult your doctor or pharmacist.

If anything else happens, not mentioned in this leaflet, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

How should Clotrimazole Cream be kept ?

Store the cream in a safe place out of the reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date, printed on the carton and the end of the tube.

If you have any questions concerning Clotrimazole Cream consult your doctor or pharmacist.