

Canesten.

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Canesten®

Clotrimazole

Presentation

Cream: A white cream containing 1.0% clotrimazole.

Atomiser Spray: A clear solution containing 1.0% clotrimazole in 30% isopropanol. The spray is produced by an atomiser and contains no propellant.

Powder: A white powder containing 1.0% clotrimazole.

Vaginal Tablets: White convex tablets, measuring 25mm x 10mm x 6.5mm, marked "BAYER" on one side and "AD" on the other side. Each vaginal tablet contains 0.1 g clotrimazole.

Duopak: A combination pack comprising 6 Canesten vaginal tablets (each containing 0.1 g clotrimazole) plus a 20g tube of Canesten cream (containing 1.0% clotrimazole).

Indications

Clotrimazole is a broad spectrum antifungal. It also exhibits activity against *Trichomonas*, *Staphylococci*, *Streptococci* and *Bacteroides*. It has no effect on *Lactobacilli*.

Cream and atomiser spray: All fungal skin infections due to dermatophytes (eg *Trichophyton* species), yeasts (eg *Candida* species), moulds and other fungi. These include ringworm (tinea) infections, athlete's foot, paronychia, pityriasis versicolor, erythrasma, intertrigo.

Canesten cream may also be used for candidal nappy rash, vulvitis and balanitis.

The atomiser spray is recommended for infections covering large and/or hairy areas.

Powder: As an adjunct to treatment with cream or atomiser spray and as a prophylactic against re-infection, particularly in infections such as athlete's foot. The powder should be applied to the lesions simultaneously and dusted inside articles of clothing in contact with infected areas.

Vaginal tablets: *Candida* vaginitis and mixed vaginal infections where *Trichomonas* is present or suspected. Canesten is not recommended as sole treatment for pure trichomoniasis, except in cases where systemic therapy is contra-indicated.

Duopak: Vaginal tablets for candida vaginitis; cream for associated vulvitis and to treat the sexual partner to help prevent re-infection.

Dosage and Administration

Cream and atomiser spray: Apply to the affected area 2-3 times daily. To prevent relapse, treatment should be continued for at least 2 weeks after the disappearance of all signs of infection.

Powder: Sprinkle on to the affected areas 2-3 times daily after using cream or atomiser spray. The powder may also be dusted inside articles of clothing and footwear which are in contact with the infected area.

Vaginal tablets: Two vaginal tablets should be inserted daily, preferably at night, for three consecutive days. Alternatively, one vaginal tablet daily for six days may be given. Using the applicator provided, each vaginal tablet should be inserted as deeply as possible into the vagina.

Duopak: Vaginal tablets as above. The cream should be applied night and morning to the vulva and surrounding area and/or to the sexual partner's penis to prevent re-infection.

**Contra-indications
Warnings etc.**

Contra-indications: None

Side effects: Rarely patients may experience local mild burning or irritation immediately after applying cream or atomiser spray or after inserting the vaginal tablet. Very rarely, the patient may find this irritation intolerable and stop treatment.

Overdosage: Not applicable

Precautions: Canesten atomiser spray should not be used near a naked flame, should not be allowed to come into contact with the eyes, ears or mucous membranes and should not be inhaled.

**Pharmaceutical
Precautions**

Storage: None

Legal Category

Cream and atomiser spray: May be sold through registered pharmacies only (P).

Vaginal tablets, Duopak and Powder: Prescription only (POM)

Package Quantities

Cream: Tubes containing 20g and 50g

Atomiser Spray: Each bottle contains 40ml

Powder: Puffer packs containing 30g

Vaginal Tablets: Each box contains 6 vaginal tablets packed in a blister strip. An applicator and patient instructions are included.

Duopak: Each box contains 6 vaginal tablets packed in a blister strip plus a 20g tube of cream. An applicator for the vaginal tablets and patient instructions are included.

Further information

Nil.

**Product Licence
Numbers**

Cream: PL0010/0016	PA21/4/2
Atomiser Spray: PL0010/0060	PA21/4/5
Powder: PL0010/0067	PA21/4/6
Vaginal Tablets: PL0010/0015	PA21/4/1
Duopak: PL0010/0016 & PL0010/0015	PA21/4/4



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