

# Brightside Specialty Pharmacy

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## Patient Education for FLUCONAZOLE 150 MG TABLET



If available, dispense patient package insert and explain to pt Reduce or avoid alcohol consumption Lab tests may be ordered to monitor therapy Report signs of liver trouble to doctor promptly (jaundice etc) Many drug-drug interactions possible with this drug May cause dizziness. Use caution operating machinery or driving. QT prolongation risk. Tell patient to report symptoms to doctor ASAP Call doctor if no improvement in 3 days.

If available, read the patient package insert Reduce or avoid drinking alcohol Lab tests may be ordered to monitor therapy Call MD if new abdominal pain/yellowing eyes/skin Review all drugs you are taking with your doctor May make you dizzy. Use caution when driving. Tell doctor if fainting or faintness occurs. Call doctor if you are not better in 3 days.

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#### **IMPORTANT:**

**HOW TO USE THIS INFORMATION:** This is a summary and

does NOT have all possible information about this product. This information does not assure that this product is safe, effective, or appropriate for you. This information is not individual medical advice and does not substitute for the advice of your health care professional. Always ask your health care professional for complete information about this product and your specific health needs.

FLUCONAZOLE 150 MG - ORAL

(floo-KON-a-zole)

#### **COMMON BRAND NAME(S):**

Diflucan

#### **USES:**

Fluconazole is used to treat vaginal yeast infections. It

works by stopping the growth of common types of vaginal yeast (fungus). This medication belongs to a class of drugs called azole antifungals.

#### **HOW TO USE:**

Read the Patient Information Leaflet before you

start taking fluconazole and each time you get a refill. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

In Canada, some brands of this medication are available without a prescription. Before taking over-the-counter fluconazole, read the product instructions and talk to your doctor if this is your first vaginal yeast infection, if this is your second infection within 2 months, or if you are considering treatment for a girl under 12 years old.

Take this medication by mouth usually as a single dose, with or without food at any time of the day, or as directed by your doctor.

The effect of this medication continues for several days. If your condition does not improve after a few days or if it worsens, or if you think you may have a serious medical problem, get medical help right away.

#### **SIDE EFFECTS:**

Nausea, diarrhea, stomach pain, headache, or

dizziness may occur. If any of these effects last or get worse, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly.

If your doctor has directed you to use this product, remember that your doctor has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this product do not have serious side effects.

Get medical help right away if you have any very serious side effects, including: fast/irregular heartbeat, severe dizziness, fainting.

This drug may rarely cause serious liver disease. Get medical help right away if you develop any signs of liver disease, including: nausea/vomiting that doesn't stop, severe stomach/abdominal pain, yellowing eyes/skin, dark urine, unusual tiredness.

A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, get medical help right away if you notice any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including: fever, swollen lymph nodes, rash, itching/swelling (especially of the face/tongue/throat), severe dizziness, trouble breathing.

This is not a complete list of possible side effects. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

In the US -

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or at [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

In Canada - Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to Health Canada at 1-866-234-2345.

#### **PRECAUTIONS:**

Before taking fluconazole, tell your doctor or

pharmacist if you are allergic to it; or to other azole antifungal drugs (such as ketoconazole, itraconazole); or if you have any other allergies. This product may contain inactive ingredients, which can cause allergic reactions or other problems. Talk to your pharmacist for more details.

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: liver disease, kidney disease.

Fluconazole may cause a condition that affects the heart rhythm (QT prolongation). QT prolongation can rarely cause serious (rarely fatal) fast/irregular heartbeat and other symptoms (such as severe dizziness, fainting) that need medical attention right away.

The risk of QT prolongation may be increased if you have certain medical conditions or are taking other drugs that may cause QT prolongation. Before using fluconazole, tell your doctor or pharmacist of all the drugs you take and if you have any of the following conditions: certain heart problems (heart failure, slow heartbeat, QT prolongation in the EKG), family history of certain heart problems (QT prolongation in the EKG, sudden cardiac death).

Low levels of potassium or magnesium in the blood may also increase your risk of QT prolongation. This risk may increase if you use certain drugs (such as diuretics/"water pills") or if you have conditions such as severe sweating, diarrhea, or vomiting. Talk to your doctor about using fluconazole safely.

Although uncommon, this drug may make you dizzy. Alcohol or marijuana (cannabis) can make you more dizzy. Do not drive, use machinery, or do anything that needs alertness until you can do it safely. Limit alcoholic beverages. Talk to your doctor if you are using marijuana (cannabis).

Before having surgery, tell your doctor or dentist about all the products you use (including prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and herbal products).

Older adults may be more sensitive to the side effects of this drug, especially QT prolongation (see above).

During pregnancy, this medication should be used only when clearly needed. It may harm an unborn baby if taken during the first 3 months of pregnancy. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor, and ask if you should use a medication applied in or around the vagina instead.

Fluconazole passes into breast milk but is unlikely to harm a nursing infant. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding.

#### **DRUG INTERACTIONS:**

Drug interactions may change how your

medications work or increase your risk for serious side effects. This document does not contain all possible drug interactions. Keep a list of all the products you use (including prescription/nonprescription drugs and herbal products) and share it with your doctor and pharmacist. Do not start, stop, or change the dosage of any medicines without your doctor's approval.

Products that may interact with this drug include:  
clopidogrel.

Many drugs besides fluconazole may affect the heart rhythm (QT prolongation), including pimozide, quinidine, macrolide antibiotics (such as erythromycin), among others.

Fluconazole can slow down the removal of other medications from your body, which can affect how they work. Examples of affected drugs include asunaprevir, flibanserin, lemborexant, lomitapide, macitentan, mavacamten, among others.

#### **OVERDOSE:**

If someone has overdosed and has serious symptoms such as passing out or trouble breathing, call 911. Otherwise, call a

poison control center right away. US residents can call their local poison control center at 1-800-222-1222. Canada residents can call a provincial poison control center. Symptoms of overdose may include: hallucinations, mental/mood changes.

#### **NOTES:**

Not applicable.

#### **MISSED DOSE:**

Not applicable.

#### **STORAGE:**

Store at room temperature away from light and moisture.

Do not store in the bathroom. Keep all medications away from children and pets.

Do not flush medications down the toilet or pour them into a drain unless instructed to do so. Properly discard this product when it is expired or no longer needed. Consult your pharmacist or local waste disposal company.

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