

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

CLOTRIDERM THRUSH CREAM

Clotrimazole 2% w/w

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine. - Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.

- If you have any further questions, ask your health care provider.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects becomes serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your health care provider.

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1. WHAT CLOTRIDERM THRUSH CREAM IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR Clotriderm Thrush Cream relieves irritation of the vulva (vulvitis) which is caused by vaginal thrush (candidiasis).

Although this cream provides relief from the external irritation caused by vaginal thrush, it cannot treat any internal (vaginal) cause of the infection. Ask your doctor or pharmacist to recommend a treatment for this. Only use this product if you have been previously diagnosed by your doctor as having vaginal thrush.

Some women suffer from recurrent attacks of thrush. To reduce the frequency of these attacks, the sexual partner's penis can be treated with this cream to prevent re-infection, even if they have no symptoms of thrush.

The active substance in Clotriderm Thrush Cream is clotrimazole. Clotrimazole belongs to a group of medicines called *azoles* and is an antifungal agent which fights the cause of infections such as vaginal thrush.

2. BEFORE YOU USE CLOTRIDERM THRUSH CREAM

Do not use Clotriderm Thrush Cream

- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to clotrimazole or any of the other ingredients.

Take special care with Clotriderm Thrush Cream

- Before treatment with Clotriderm Thrush Cream, you should see your doctor if
 - You are unsure whether you have thrush, or this is the first time you have had these symptoms.
 - You have had more than two infections of thrush in the last six months
 - You or your partner has ever had a sexually transmitted disease.
 - You are aged under 16 or over 60.
 - You have ever had an allergic reaction to Canesten or any other vaginal antifungal products.
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- You have any of the following symptoms:
 - Irregular vaginal bleeding.
 - Abnormal vaginal bleeding or a blood-stained discharge.

- Ulcers, blisters or sores of the vagina or vulva.
- Lower abdominal pain.
- Pain or difficulty in passing urine.
- Fever or chills.
- Feeling sick or vomiting.
- Diarrhoea.
- A foul-smelling discharge from the vagina.

This is because Clotriderm Thrush Cream might not be the right treatment for you.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Ask your health care provider for advice before taking any medicine if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Special precautions:

As with other creams, this product may reduce the effectiveness of rubber contraceptives, such as condoms or diaphragms. Consequently, you should use alternative precautions for at least five days after using this product.

3. HOW TO USE CLOTRIDERM THRUSH CREAM

Always use Clotriderm Thrush Cream exactly as your health care provider has told you. You should check with your health care provider if you are not sure.

How to apply thrush cream with applicator

1. Fill the applicator with the cream.
2. Carefully insert the applicator as deep as it is comfortable into the vagina (this is easiest when lying on your back with your knees bent up).
3. Holding the applicator in place, slowly press the plunger until it stops so that the pre-measured dose of cream is deposited into the vagina.

Treatment should be continued until symptoms of the infections disappear. Consult your doctor if the symptoms of your infection do not improve within seven days of finishing treatment for the internal infection.

Treating your sexual partner: If your sexual partner is treated with this cream, the cream should be applied to the end of the penis 2 or 3 times a day for up to two weeks.

Do not put the cream in your mouth or swallow it. If the cream is swallowed accidentally, tell a healthcare professional or your doctor.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your health care provider.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, Clotriderm Thrush Cream can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

As with all medicines, some people may be allergic to the cream. If you are allergic, a reaction will occur soon after you have used the medicine. If you experience an allergic reaction or the redness, burning, pain, itching or swelling get worse, stop using this product and tell your health care provider immediately.

Signs of an allergic reaction may include:

- Rash.
- Swallowing or breathing problems.
- Swelling of your lips, face, throat, or tongue.
- Weakness, feeling dizzy or faint.
- Nausea.

After you apply the cream, you might experience Itching, rash, blisters, burning, discomfort, swelling, redness, irritation or peeling of skin.

If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your health care provider.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your healthcare provider. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly to Fidson Healthcare Plc. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. HOW TO STORE CLOTRIDERM THRUSH CREAM

Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

Store below 30°C. Protect from light.

Do not use Clotriderm Thrush Cream after the expiry date which is stated on the carton after 'Exp. Date'. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

What CLOTRIDERM THRUSH CREAM contains:

The active pharmaceutical ingredient is Clotrimazole.

What CLOTRIDERM THRUSH CREAM looks like and contents of the pack: 20g cream placed in outer carton with insert and applicator.

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