

## PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

# Nizoral<sup>®</sup> 2% cream

## Ketoconazole

Nizoral is a registered trademark

**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 doctor or pharmacist
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours
- If you get side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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## 1. What Nizoral cream is and what it is used for

The name of your medicine is Nizoral 2% cream. It is called 'Nizoral cream' or just 'cream' in this leaflet.

Nizoral cream contains a medicine called ketoconazole. This belongs to a group of medicines called 'antifungals'.

Nizoral cream is used for fungal and yeast infections of the skin in adults.

Infections may appear on the:

- Trunk, chest or back
- Hands or feet
- Scalp or face
- Groin or genitals

Nizoral cream works by killing the fungus that causes the infection.

## 2. What you need to know before you use Nizoral cream

### Do not use Nizoral cream:

- If you are allergic to anything in Nizoral cream (listed in section 6 below)
- For eye infections

Do not use this medicine if the above applies to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Nizoral cream.

### Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using this medicine:

- If you have recently used a cream, ointment or lotion on your skin infection that contains a steroid:

- You should continue to apply a mild steroid (such as hydrocortisone) cream, ointment or lotion in the morning whilst applying Nizoral cream in the evening. The mild steroid treatment can then be gradually stopped over a period of 2-3 weeks.

If you have any questions about stopping your steroid cream, ointment or lotion, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

### **Children and adolescents**

Nizoral Cream is not recommended for use in children under 18 years of age.

### **Other medicines and Nizoral Cream**

Nizoral cream does not normally react with other medicines. However, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines. This includes medicines that you buy without a prescription or herbal medicines.

### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

Nizoral cream can be used if you are pregnant or breast-feeding.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine if you are pregnant or breast-feeding.

### **Driving and using machines**

Nizoral cream is not likely to affect you being able to drive or use any tools or machines.

### **Nizoral cream contains propylene glycol**

This may cause skin irritation

### **Nizoral cream contains cetyl alcohol and stearyl alcohol**

These may cause skin reactions such as contact dermatitis

## **3. How to use Nizoral cream**

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

### **How often you should use Nizoral cream**

This will depend on the type of infection and how serious it is. Your doctor will tell you how often to use Nizoral cream and for how long.

The recommended dose is:

- Once or twice each day for 1 to 6 weeks

Do not use the cream more often than your doctor has told you.

### **Preparing your skin**

- Wash the infected skin and dry it well

### **Using Nizoral cream**

- Each tube of Nizoral cream is sealed. You will need to use the cap to pierce the seal
- Rub the cream gently into the affected area and surrounding skin with clean fingers
- Do not put Nizoral cream in the eyes

### **Personal hygiene**

- Unless the affected skin is on your hands, wash your hands with soap and water after using the cream
- Washing your hands after using the cream will stop you spreading the infection to other parts of your body or to other people
- Do not allow other people to use your flannel or towel. This will stop them from getting your infection
- Clothing that touches infected skin should be washed and changed often. Nizoral cream is non-greasy and should not stain clothes

### **If you stop using Nizoral cream**

Keep using the cream for several days after all the symptoms have gone away. This will stop the symptoms from coming back.

If your symptoms do not improve after 4 weeks, talk to your doctor.

### **If you swallow Nizoral cream**

If you swallow any cream, tell your doctor straight away.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

## **4. Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

**Stop using Nizoral cream and tell your doctor straight away if you notice or suspect any of the following. You may need urgent medical treatment.**

- Severe irritation or reddening of the skin where the cream has been used, or other signs of allergy during the first few days of treatment. This can affect fewer than 1 in 10 people
- Peeling or blistering of the skin. This can affect fewer than 1 in 100 people

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice or suspect any of the following side effects:**

#### **Common side effects (affects fewer than 1 in 10 people)**

- Burning sensation

#### **Uncommon side effects (affects fewer than 1 in 100 people)**

- Problems where the cream has been used such as:
  - Bleeding
  - Discomfort
  - Dryness
  - Inflammation (contact dermatitis)
  - Tingling
- Rash, hives (also known as nettle rash or urticaria)
- Sticky skin

### **Reporting of side-effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

## **5. How to store Nizoral cream**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children. Store the cream in its original packaging. Store between 15°C and 30 °C

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the label. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

## **6. Contents of the pack and other information**

### **What Nizoral Cream contains**

**The active substance** is ketoconazole. Each gram (g) of cream contains 20 milligrams (mg) of ketoconazole (2 % w/w).

**The other ingredients** are purified water, propylene glycol, cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, sorbitan stearate, polysorbate 60, polysorbate 80, sodium sulphite (E221) and isopropyl myristate. See section 2 'Nizoral Cream contains' for further information.

### **What Nizoral cream looks like and contents of the pack**

Nizoral cream comes in a tube containing 15 g or 30 g of white cream. Not all pack sizes may be marketed .

**Manufacturer:** See outer carton

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### **THIS IS A MEDICAMENT**

- Medicament is a product which affects your health and its consumption contrary to instructions is dangerous for you.
- Follow strictly the doctor's prescription, the method of use and the instructions of the pharmacist who sold the medicament. The doctor and the pharmacist are the experts in medicines, their benefits and risks.
- Do not by yourself interrupt the period of treatment prescribed.
- Do not repeat the same prescription without consulting your doctor.
- Keep all medicaments out of the reach of children

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