

ECONAZ[®]

Anti-fungal Cream

FORMS AND PRESENTATION

ECONAZ[®] 1% Cream: Aluminium tube of 30 g.

COMPOSITION

The dermic cream contains: Econazole nitrate 1%.

Excipients: PEG - Glyceryl Monostearate - Polysorbote 80 - Cetyl alcohol - Hard Fat
- Glycerine - Propylene Glycol.

INDICATIONS

ECONAZ[®] Cream is prescribed for fungal skin diseases commonly called ringworm (tinea). Econazole is an azole antifungal that works by preventing the growth of fungus.

It is used to treat athlete's foot (tinea pedis), jock itch (tinea cruris), a fungus infection of the entire body (tinea corporis), and a skin infection that implies yellow- or brown-colored skin eruptions (tinea versicolor) caused by *Trichophyton rubrum*, *Trichophyton mentagrophytes*, *Trichophyton tonsurans*, *Microsporum canis*, *Microsporum audouini*, *Microsporum gypsum*, and *Epidermophyton floccosum*.

It is also prescribed for yeast infections of the skin caused by *Candida* fungus (cutaneous candidiasis).

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Use this medication on the skin only. Clean and thoroughly dry the area to be treated. Apply this medication to the affected skin. To apply, gently massage a small amount of the medication to the affected area & surrounding skin. Do not apply this medication into the eyes, nose or mouth; use carefully when applying close to these areas.

Sufficient ECONAZ[®] Cream should be applied to cover affected areas:

- once daily in patients with tinea pedis, tinea cruris, tinea corporis, & tinea versicolor.
- twice daily (morning and evening) in patients with cutaneous candidiasis.

After applying this medication, wash your hands. Do not wrap, cover or bandage the area unless directed to do so by your doctor.

Dosage & length of treatment depends on the type of infection being treated. Do not apply this more often than prescribed. Your condition will not clear faster, but side effects may be increased.

Early relief of symptoms is experienced by the majority of patients and clinical improvement may be seen fairly soon after treatment is begun; however, candidal infections and tinea cruris and corporis should be treated for two weeks and tinea pedis for one month in order to reduce the possibility of recurrence.

Continue using the medication for the full time prescribed even if your symptoms have been relieved.

If a patient shows no clinical improvement after the treatment period, the diagnosis be should redetermined. Patients with tinea versicolor usually exhibit clinical and mycological clearing after two weeks of treatment.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

ECONAZ[®] Cream is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to econazole nitrate or any other of its ingredients.

WARNING AND PRECAUTIONS

This medication is for external use only and should not be introduced into the eyes. If a reaction suggesting sensitivity or chemical irritation should occur, use of the medication should be discontinued.

ECONAZ[®] Cream should be used during the first trimester (3 months) of pregnancy only if it is essential to your health & during the remainder of your pregnancy only if your doctor feels it is clearly needed. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, inform your doctor immediately.

ECONAZ[®] Cream may appear in breast milk and could affect a nursing infant. If econazole nitrate is essential to your health, your doctor may advise you to stop breast feeding until your treatment with **ECONAZ[®]** is finished.

SIDE EFFECTS

Side effects cannot be anticipated. If any develop or change in intensity, inform your doctor as soon as possible. Only your doctor can determine whether it is safe for you to continue using **ECONAZ[®] Cream**.

• *Side effects may include:*

Burning, itching, skin redness, stinging, erythema.

This should disappear in a few days as your body adjusts to the medication. If these effects persist or worsen, inform your doctor promptly.

OVERDOSAGE

Although no specific information is available on **ECONAZ[®] Cream** overdose, any medication used in excess can have serious consequences. If you suspect an overdose, seek medical attention immediately. This medicine may be harmful if swallowed.

STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in a dry place below 25°C.

Protect from excessive heat, direct light and moisture. Avoid freezing.

Keep out of the reach of children.

THIS IS A MEDICINE

- Medicines are products which affect your health, and failure to follow the instructions may be dangerous for you.
- Follow your doctor's advice carefully, the method of use, and the instructions of the pharmacist who sold you the medicine.
- Your doctor and pharmacist are expert in the use of medicines, and their benefits and risks.
- Do not stop your course of treatment early unless advised to do so by your doctor or pharmacist.
- Do not repeat the same prescription without consulting your doctor.

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