CLOTRIMAZOLE (vaginal cream)

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What does it do?

Clotrimazole is used to treat vaginal fungal infections (thrush).

Before you start

- Tell your health professional if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

How should you use it?

Insert 1 applicatorful into the vagina as directed (usually at bedtime). Keep using it until the course is finished, even when you start to feel better.

Using the applicator:
1. Wash your hands.
2. Before using for the first time, open the tube of cream by piercing the nozzle with the reverse side of the cap.
3. Pull out the applicator plunger until it stops.
4. Attach the applicator to the tube and hold it firmly in place. Squeeze the tube until the applicator is full.
5. Remove the applicator from the tube and put the tube cap back on.
6. Hold the filled applicator by the cylinder and gently insert it into the vagina, as far as is comfortable. Slowly press on the plunger until it stops. Remove the applicator from the vagina.
7. Wash your hands when you are finished.

What if you forget a dose?

If it is nearly time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and insert your next dose at the usual time. Otherwise, insert the missed dose as soon as you remember. Do not insert two doses at the same time.

Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Clotrimazole is unlikely to cause any side effects. If you notice any symptoms you are concerned about, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

Other information:

- Take care not to get *clotrimazole* in your eyes or mouth. If you get any in your eyes, rinse well with water straight away.
- *Clotrimazole* may affect latex condoms and diaphragms. Discuss this with your health professional.