# FLUCONAZOLE (capsule and liquid)

*floo-kon-ah-zole*

## What does it do?

*Fluconazole* is used to treat and prevent fungal infections.

## Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have liver, kidney or heart problems, or have ever had a seizure.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- Your doctor may do a heart test (ECG) before you start and while you are taking *fluconazole*.

## How should you take it?

Take *fluconazole* regularly as directed. Keep taking it until the course is finished, even if you start to feel better. It is sometimes given as a single dose.
Capsule: Take with food and a glass of water.
Liquid: Measure carefully with an oral syringe or measuring spoon. Shake the bottle well before measuring each dose.

## What if you forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as possible and continue as directed.

## Can you take other medicines?

Some medicines available without a prescription may react with *fluconazole* including:

- sildenafil (e.g. Viagra®) or similar medicines
- anti-inflammatories, such as diclofenac (e.g. Voltaren®) or ibuprofen (e.g. Nurofen®). These can also be found in some cold and flu medicines (e.g. Nurofen Cold and Flu®).

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?

| Side Effects | Recommended action |
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| Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing<br>Reduced number of blood cells that fight infections or help your blood to clot - symptoms include: fever, chills, sore throat or generally feeling unwell, or easy or unusual bruising or bleeding<br>Seizures<br>Symptoms of liver problems including: yellow skin or eyes, itching, dark urine, pale bowel motions, abdominal pain<br>Fainting | Tell your doctor immediately |
| Headache<br>Stomach upset | Tell your doctor if troublesome |

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.