CANDAZOLE LOTION

Clotrimazole (1% w/v)

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What CANDAZOLE LOTION is used for

CANDAZOLE LOTION is used to treat fungal skin infections such as ringworm, jock itch, athlete's foot and *tinea versicolor* infection.

How CANDAZOLE LOTION works

Clotrimazole is an anti-fungal agent which fights the cause of fungal skin.

Ask your pharmacist or doctor if you have any questions about this medicine.

Before you use CANDAZOLE LOTION

-When you must not use it

Do not apply CANDAZOLE

LOTION if:

- You are allergic (hypersensitive) to Clotrimazole or to any of the other ingredients in this medicine.
- In the first trimester of pregnancy, Clotrimazole should only be used when considered essential.
- You are pregnant, breastfeeding or trying for a baby, tell your doctor or pharmacist before using CANDAZOLE LOTION. If you have informed your doctor or pharmacist already, follow his/her instructions carefully.
- Do not use this medicine to children under 2 years of age except under the advice and supervision of a doctor.

-Before you start to use it

Always wash your hands immediately after use so that you do not transfer it to sensitive areas such as your lips or eyes. If this occurs, wash away with plenty of clean water.

-Taking other medicines

Tell your pharmacist or doctor if you are taking any other products (such as over-the-counter medicine, prescribed medicine and herbal products).

How to use CANDAZOLE LOTION

-How much to use

If CANDAZOLE LOTION has been prescribed for you by your doctor, follow any instructions he/she may have given you.

If you purchased this product without a prescription, follow these directions closely:

 Wash and dry affected area. Apply sparingly to the affected parts and surrounding skin areas.

-When to use it

Twice daily, morning and evening. Regular application is essential for successful treatment.

-How long to use it

The treatment should be continued for two weeks after the disappearance of all signs of infection to prevent re-infection.

The symptoms of your infection, such as itching or soreness, should improve within a few days of treatment although signs such as redness and scaling may take longer to disappear. Consult doctor if no improvement in 4 weeks (for athlete's foot) or 2 weeks (for jock itch).

-If you forget to use it

Apply the lotion as soon as possible and then continue for the rest of your treatment as usual.

-If you use too much (overdose)

No information is available concerning overdosage in human beings following topical application on the skin.

If the lotion is accidentally your doctor swallowed, tell straight away or contact the Accident and Emergency Department of your nearest hospital. If you accidently get lotion in your eyes or mouth, wash immediately with water and contact your doctor.

While you are using CANDAZOLE LOTION

-Things you must do

You can help the treatment to work if you follow simple self-help tips:

- Keep the affected skin areas clean.
- Pay particular attention to drying the skin, but avoid excessive rubbing.
- The hygiene of the skin also is important in the management of fungal diseases, particularly of the folds and feet.
- Always wash your hands after treating the infection to prevent it from spreading.

-Things you must not do

CANDAZOLE LOTION is for **external use only.** Do not put the lotion in your mouth or swallow it.

Do not share towels, bath mats, etc. with other people as you could spread the infection to them.

-Things to be careful of

Avoid contact with eyes and mucous membrane such as lips/mouth/middle ear.

Although the infection area will itch, try do not scratch. Scratching will damage the surface of the skin and cause the infection to spread further.

Side effects

CANDAZOLE LOTION can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

As with all medicines, some people may be allergic to the lotion. If you are allergic or experience irritation, a reaction will occur soon after you start using it. If you experience an

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allergic reaction, stop using CANDAZOLE LOTION and immediately go to see your doctor. 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 lotion you might experience:

 Painful, reddening of the skin, swelling, blister, skin peeling, itching and rashes.

If you experience any of the above effects or react badly to the lotion in any other way not listed in this leaflet, tell your doctor or pharmacist immediately.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835549, or visiting the website npra.moh.gov.my [Public→ Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

Storage and Disposal of CANDAZOLE LOTION

-<u>Storage</u>

Store below 30°C.

Keep container well closed.

Keep in a cool dry place, protected from light.

Keep out of reach of children.

-Disposal

Dispose the medicine after the expiry date. Consult your pharmacist on how to safely dispose of any medicines no longer required.

Product description

-What it looks like

CANDAZOLE LOTION is available in dropper bottles containing 10ml of clear, colourless lotion.

- -Ingredients
- -Active ingredient: Clotrimazole
- -Inactive ingredients: Propylene Glycol

-<u>MAL number:</u> MAL19900301XZ

Manufacturer and Product Registration Holder

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