

INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE USING DAKTARIN™ CREAM (MICONAZOLE NITRATE)

Before you start to use your medicine, please read this leaflet carefully all the way through as it contains important information. If there is anything that you do not understand or if you need further information or advice, you should ask your pharmacist or doctor who will have more details.

This leaflet applies only to Daktarin Cream. **Please do not throw it away until you have completed the full course of your medicine. You may need to refer to it again.**

WHAT IS YOUR MEDICINE?

The name of your medicine is Daktarin Cream and its active ingredient is miconazole nitrate.

Daktarin Cream can be supplied to the pharmacist in tubes of 15 g and 30 g.

Each gram of Daktarin Cream contains 20 mg of miconazole nitrate. The cream also contains the following inactive ingredients: water, macrogol stearate and glycol stearate, unsaturated polyglycolysed glycerides, liquid paraffin, benzoic acid* and butylated hydroxyanisole.**

Benzoic acid is a mild irritant to the skin, eyes and mucous membranes. It may increase the risk of jaundice in newborn babies.

Butylated hydroxyanisole is an irritant to the eyes, skin and mucous membranes.

Daktarin is one of a group of medicines called "antifungals" which are used to treat infections caused by fungi including yeasts, and some bacteria.

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WHAT IS YOUR MEDICINE USED FOR?

Daktarin Cream is used to treat infections of the skin which may appear on the hands, feet, outer ear, trunk, groin or scalp. It is also used to treat infected nappy rash and infections of nails.

Daktarin Cream works by destroying the fungus that causes the infection and some of the bacteria which may also be present.

REMEMBER - IF YOUR DOCTOR HAS PRESCRIBED THIS MEDICINE IT IS FOR YOU ONLY. NEVER GIVE IT TO ANYONE ELSE. IT MAY HARM THEM EVEN IF THEIR SYMPTOMS ARE THE SAME AS YOURS.

WHEN NOT TO USE YOUR MEDICINE

Do not use Daktarin Cream if you think that you may have had an allergic reaction to any form of Daktarin, any of the inactive ingredients, or a similar antifungal in the past. An allergic reaction may be recognised as a rash or itching at the site of infection which gets worse after applying Daktarin Cream.

Inform your pharmacist or doctor before using the medicine if this applies to you. They will then decide whether Daktarin Cream is suitable for you.

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

Do not put Daktarin Cream into the eyes - it is for application to the skin and nails only.

Pregnancy and breast feeding

If you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant or breast feeding, you should talk to your doctor who will decide if you can use Daktarin Cream.

HOW TO USE YOUR MEDICINE

DAKTARIN CREAM IS FOR EXTERNAL USE ONLY

Each tube of Daktarin Cream is sealed. Use the cap to pierce seal.

Each time you use the cream:

- wash the infected skin and dry it well. **As many skin conditions are infectious, you should keep a towel and a flannel for your own use so that you do not infect anyone else.**

For skin infections:

- apply Daktarin Cream to the affected area twice daily, eg at night and in the morning.

For nail infections:

- apply once or twice daily to the affected area. Rub Daktarin Cream gently into the affected area and surrounding skin with clean fingers.

After applying the cream:

- unless the infected skin is on your hands, wash your hands carefully to avoid spreading the infection to other parts of the body or to other people. Similarly, clothing which comes into contact with the infected areas should be washed and changed frequently. Daktarin Cream is non-greasy and should not stain clothes.

Relief from the symptoms may occur quickly but it is important that you continue to use Daktarin Cream for up to 10 days after the symptoms have cleared to prevent them from coming back.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FORGET TO USE YOUR MEDICINE

If you forget to use your cream, do not apply the missed dose, but apply the next dose as usual and continue your course of medicine.

IF YOU SWALLOW SOME OF YOUR MEDICINE

Accidental swallowing of Daktarin Cream is normally harmless but you should contact your doctor as a precaution.

IF YOU THINK YOUR MEDICINE MAKES YOU FEEL ILL

Daktarin Cream is usually well-tolerated. Occasionally, irritation of the skin may occur. If the irritation is severe, stop using the cream and talk to your doctor.

In rare cases, itching and redness following each application may indicate an allergy to the medicine (see 'WHEN NOT TO USE YOUR MEDICINE').

If your medicine affects you in any other way, you should tell your doctor or pharmacist.

HOW TO STORE YOUR MEDICINE

As with all medicines, Daktarin Cream should be kept in a safe place where children cannot reach it. Store the cream in its original packaging. Do not store above 25°C. Do not use the cream after the expiry date printed on the packaging. Always return any left over medicine to your pharmacist.

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