

ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection for Intravenous Infusion

Fluconazole (flu-con-a-zole)

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you being given ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

If you have any concerns about being given this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet.

You may need to read it again.

What ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection is used for

ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection is used to treat certain fungal and yeast infections.

It belongs to a group of medicines called azole antibiotics.

It works by preventing the growth of the fungal and yeast organisms causing your infection.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you. Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

This medicine is not addictive.

It is available only with a doctor's prescription.

This medicine is not expected to affect your ability to drive a car or operate machinery.

Before you are given ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection

When you must not be given it

You must not be given ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection if you have an allergy to:

- any medicine containing fluconazole
- any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet
- medicines related to fluconazole such as miconazole, ketoconazole or clotrimazole

Some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.

You must not be given this medicine if you are taking other medicines called cisapride or terfenadine. Tell your doctor if you are taking cisapride or terfenadine.

You must not be given this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

If it has expired or is damaged return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

If you are not sure whether you should be given this medicine, talk to your doctor.

Before you are given it

Tell your doctor if you have allergies to any other medicines, foods, preservatives or dyes.

Tell your doctor if you have or have had any of the following medical conditions:

- any liver problems
- any heart problems
- any kidney problems

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breast-feeding. Your doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you are given ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection.

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you get without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines and ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection may interfere with each other. These include:

- cisapride
- terfenadine
- some medicines used to treat allergies
- some medicines for diabetes such as glipizide or glibenclamide
- some antibiotics and antiviral drugs such as rifampicin, rifabutin or zidovudine
- some drugs used in problems with the immune system, such as cyclosporine or tacrolimus

- warfarin (used to stop blood clots)
- phenytoin (used to treat epilepsy)
- theophylline (used to treat asthma)
- some benzodiazepines such as midazolam
- hydrochlorothiazide (used for treating fluid problems)
- the contraceptive pill (birth control pill)

These medicines may be affected by ciprofloxacin or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

Talk to your doctor about the need for an additional method of contraception while being given ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE

Injection. ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection may decrease the effectiveness of some birth control pills.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while being treated with this medicine.

How ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection for Intravenous Infusion is given

How much is given

Your doctor will decide what dose you will receive. This depends on your condition and other factors, such as your weight.

How it is given

ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection can only be given by a doctor or nurse. It is usually infused slowly into a vein.

If you receive too much (overdose)

Because ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection is given to you by a health professional, overdose is unlikely to arise. However, if you think you

may have been given too much of this medicine, contact the Poisons Information Centre on 131 126 for advice.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any concerns.

While you are being given ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection for Intravenous Infusion

Things you must do

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your doctor and pharmacist that you are being given ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection.

Tell any other doctors, dentists, and pharmacists who treat you that you are being given this medicine.

If you are going to have surgery, tell the surgeon or anaesthetist that you are being given this medicine.

It may affect other medicines used during surgery.

If you become pregnant while you are being treated with this medicine, tell your doctor immediately.

Keep all of your doctor's appointments so that your progress can be checked. Your doctor may do some tests from time to time to make sure the medicine is working and to prevent unwanted side effects.

Things to be careful of

If you suffer from HIV or have a weakened immune system and develop a rash while being given ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection, tell your doctor immediately. If this rash worsens, ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection may need to be stopped.

Side effects

Tell your doctor or nurse as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being treated with ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection.

This medicine helps most people with fungal and yeast infections, but it may have unwanted side effects in a few people. All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical attention if you get some of the side effects.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.

Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- nausea or vomiting
- headache
- stomach pain, indigestion, diarrhoea
- acne
- rash

The above list includes the more common side effects of your medicine. They are usually mild and short-lived.

Tell your doctor or nurse or pharmacist as soon as possible if you notice any of the following:

- swelling of the face, lips or tongue which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing
- asthma, wheezing, shortness of breath
- sudden or severe itching, skin rash, hives
- fainting, seizures or fits
- flaking of the skin
- yellowing of the skin or eyes, also called jaundice
- bleeding or bruising more easily than normal, reddish or purplish blotches under the skin
- signs of frequent or worrying infections such as fever, severe chills, sore throat or mouth ulcers
- fast or irregular heart beat

These side effects are usually rare but can be serious and need urgent medical attention.

Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you notice anything that is making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

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After using ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection for Intravenous Infusion

Storage

ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward. The injection is kept in a cool dry place, protected from light where the temperature stays below 30°C.

Product description

What it looks like

ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection is a clear colourless solution in an infusion bag..

Ingredients

ASPEN FLUCONAZOLE Injection contains 2mg/mL of fluconazole as the active ingredient. It is available as packs of 10 infusion bags containing 100 mg/ 50 mL, 200 mg/ 100 mL and 400mg/200mL of fluconazole.

It also contains:

- sodium chloride
- water for injection

This medicine does not contain lactose, sucrose, gluten, tartrazine or any other azo dyes.

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