

## FLUCAZOLE™ 150 Fluconazole 150mg capsule



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### What is in this leaflet

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This leaflet answers some common questions about Flucazole 150. It does not contain all the information available on this medicine. It does not take the place of talking to your pharmacist or doctor. All medicines have risks and benefits. Your pharmacist or doctor has weighed the risks of you taking Flucazole 150 against the benefits they expect it will have for you. If you have any concerns about using this medicine, ask your pharmacist or doctor. Keep this leaflet. You may want to read it again.

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### What Flucazole 150 is used for and how it works

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Your Flucazole 150 capsule contains fluconazole. It belongs to a group of medicines known as antifungals.

Flucazole 150 is used to treat vaginal thrush infections. It works by preventing the growth of fungal and yeast organisms.

Flucazole 150 is available over the counter at a pharmacy or with a doctor's prescription.

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### Before you take Flucazole 150

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#### *When you must not take it*

**Do not take Flucazole 150 if you have an allergy to the following:**

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

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.

If you are taking **cisapride** (a medicine used to treat stomach problems), do not take Flucazole 150.

Talk to your pharmacist or doctor if you are not sure whether you should take this medicine.

#### *Before you take it*

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

Tell your pharmacist or doctor if you have any other health problems, including:

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

Tell your pharmacist or doctor if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or are breastfeeding. Your pharmacist or doctor can discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

If you have not told your pharmacist or doctor about any of the above, tell them before you take Flucazole 150.

### ***Taking other medicines***

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

Medicines that may interfere with Flucazole 150 include:

- cisapride (used to treat stomach problems)
- some medicines used to treat allergies such as terfenadine or astemizole
- some medicines for diabetes such as glipizide, tolbutamide or glibenclamide
- some antibiotics and antiviral drugs such as rifampicin, rifabutin or zidovudine
- some drugs used in problems with the immune system, such as cyclosporin or tacrolimus
- warfarin (used to stop blood clots)
- phenytoin (used to treat epilepsy)
- theophylline (used to treat asthma)
- some benzodiazepines such as midazolam or triazolam
- hydrochlorothiazide (used for treating fluid problems)
- the contraceptive pill (birth control pill).

These medicines may be affected by Flucazole 150 or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

This medicine may decrease the effectiveness of some birth control pills. Talk to your pharmacist or doctor about the need for an additional method of contraception while taking Flucazole 150.

Your pharmacist or doctor has more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking Flucazole 150.

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## **How to take Flucazole 150**

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### ***Directions for use***

Take ONE capsule as a single dose.

Swallow whole with a glass of water.

Your Flucazole 150 capsule can be taken any time of the day.

It does not matter if you take this medicine before or after food.

Follow all directions given to you by your pharmacist or doctor and read the instructions on the carton.

Your Flucazole 150 capsule is a single dose treatment for vaginal thrush infections which you take by mouth.

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## **While you are taking Flucazole 150**

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Tell your pharmacist or doctor, if the symptoms of your infection do not improve within a few days, or if they become worse.

If you are a woman of child-bearing age, you should avoid becoming pregnant while taking Flucazole 150.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant in the same month as taking Flucazole 150.

If you are about to be started on any new medicine, remind your pharmacist or doctor that you have recently taken Flucazole 150.

Tell all doctors, dentists and pharmacists who treat you that you have recently taken Flucazole 150.

Do not give Flucazole 150 to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

Do not use Flucazole 150 to treat any other medical complaints.

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

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## Side effects

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Tell your pharmacist or doctor as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking Flucazole 150.

All medicines can have some unwanted effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the side effects.

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

- nausea or feeling sick, vomiting
- headache
- stomach pain, indigestion, diarrhoea
- acne.

These are the more common side effects of Flucazole 150. They are usually mild and short-lived.

**Tell your doctor immediately 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.**

The list of side effects mentioned above is not complete. If you should suffer from any of these side effects or any other undesired effect please tell your pharmacist or doctor.

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.

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## In case of overdose

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**Immediately contact your doctor or the National Poisons Information Centre (0800 POISON or 0800 764 766) or go to the Emergency department at your nearest hospital, if you think that you may have taken too much, or if anyone else has taken Flucazole 150 by mistake. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.** Take the pack of Flucazole 150 with you if you can.

Keep telephone numbers for these places handy.

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## **Storage conditions**

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Do not take this medicine after the expiry date shown on the pack or if the packaging shows signs of tampering.

Keep your Flucazole 150 capsule in the blister pack until it is time to take it.

Store your Flucazole 150 capsule below 25°C. Keep out of reach of children. Avoid exposure to heat and moisture.

Do not store Flucazole 150, or any other medicine, in the bathroom or near a sink.

### ***Disposal***

If you do not take your Flucazole 150 capsule or it has passed the expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with the remaining medicine.

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## **List of ingredients**

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Flucazole 150 comes in a pack containing one capsule.

Each capsule contains 150mg of the active ingredient fluconazole.

The capsule also contains lactose, maize starch, sodium lauryl sulphate, colloidal hydrated silica, magnesium stearate, gelatin, and titanium dioxide (E171).

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## **If you want to know more**

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Should you have any questions regarding this product, please contact your pharmacist or doctor.

### ***Who supplies this medicine***

Distributed in New Zealand by:

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