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Item Code:	PKG1049	Pharmacode No.:	NA
Brand Name:	Fluconazole 200 mg Strides	Cartonator Machine:	NA
Generic Name:	Fluconazole 200 mg Capsules	Unfolded Size:	460 x 140 mm (Width x Height)
Country Name:	South Africa	Number of Folds:	Vertical - 2 Zig-zag folds + 2 Folds Horizontal - 1 Fold
Customer Name:	Trinity Pharma	Folded Size:	38.33 x 70 mm (Approx.) (Width x Height)
Paper/GSM:	60 GSM Maplitho Paper	Previous Item Code:	NA
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PROPRIETARY NAME (AND DOSAGE FORM):
FLUCONAZOLE 200 STRIDES (Capsule)
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COMPOSITION:
The chemical name of FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES (Fluconazole) is 2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-1,3,5-triazol-4-yl-1,3,5-triazole-4-yl-2-propanol. Fluconazole has a molecular weight of 306.3. It is a white to off-white crystalline powder which is sparingly soluble in water and saline.

FLUCONAZOLE 200 STRIDES: Each capsule contains 50 mg fluconazole.

FLUCONAZOLE 200 STRIDES: Each capsule contains 200 mg fluconazole.

PHARMACOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION:
A 202.2 Antifungal (antimicrobiotic) agents: Fungicides.

PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTION:
Fluconazole is a triazole antifungal agent. Fluconazole exerts its antifungal effect by inhibition of the 14- α -demethylase requiring the biosynthesis of ergosterol, the principal sterol in the fungal cell membrane. This damages the cell membrane, producing alterations in membrane function and permeability.

Pharmacokinetics:
Fluconazole is well absorbed after oral administration. Oral bioavailability is more than 90%. Oral bioavailability is not altered by food or gastric acidity. The time to peak plasma concentrations is 1 to 2 hours. Protein binding is low (12%). The elimination half-life in adults is approximately 30 hours and is increased in patients with impaired renal function. Fluconazole is primarily excreted by the kidneys. Approximately 80% of the dose is excreted unchanged in the urine. Fluconazole clearance is proportional to creatinine clearance. However, accumulation is significant over 15 days and concentrations may rise 2 to 3 fold. A small amount of fluconazole undergoes hepatic metabolism. Fluconazole is cleared from the body faster in children than in adults. The half-life in children is 23 hours. During the first 2 weeks of life the half-life is approximately 74 hours on day one and 47 hours on day 13.

INDICATIONS:
Antifungative therapy should be adjusted once the results of the culture and other laboratory studies become available.

FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES is indicated for the treatment of the following conditions in adults:

- Cryptococcal meningitis in mentally alert patients without localising neurological signs and as a follow-up therapy after amphotericin B therapy.
- Maintenance therapy to prevent relapse of cryptococcal disease in patients with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).
- Systemic candidiasis.
- Prophylaxis of candidiasis in patients receiving cytotoxic chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Hypersensitivity to FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES, other azole antifungal agents or to any of the excipients.
- Co-administration of terfenadine in patients receiving multiple doses of FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES in doses of 400 mg per day or greater (see INTERACTIONS).
- Co-administration of cisapride (see INTERACTIONS).
- Pregnancy and lactation (see PREGNANCY AND LACTATION).
- Therapy with multiple doses of FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES is contraindicated in patients with renal impairment.
- Concurrent use with astemizole should be avoided.

WARNINGS:
FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES has been associated with cases of serious hepatotoxicity, including fatalities related to dose and duration of use, primarily in patients with serious underlying medical conditions. This hepatotoxicity may be reversible when therapy is discontinued. Any patients who develop abnormal liver function tests while taking FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES, should be carefully monitored for the development of more serious hepatic injury until the FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES, FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES should be discontinued. Less frequently, patients have developed rashes, urticaria, pruritus, dry skin, abnormal colour, angioedema and exfoliative cutaneous reactions, such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis, during treatment with FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES. Patients with AIDS are more prone to the development of severe cutaneous reactions to numerous medicines. Should patients with systemic/respiratory fungal infections develop rashes, they should be monitored closely, and if bullous lesions or erythema multiforme develop, FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES must be discontinued.

INTERACTIONS:
FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES may interfere with the metabolism of some medicines if given concurrently, mainly through inhibition of the cytochrome P450 isoenzymes CYP2A4 and CYP2C9. Co-administration of FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES and medicines metabolised by cytochrome P450 can result in increased serum concentrations of the medicines metabolised by the same enzyme system.

FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES increases plasma concentrations of the following medicines when given concurrently:

- Warfarin - Anticoagulant effects are increased, resulting in an increase in prothrombin time/INR ratio. Monitoring of the prothrombin time is required and adjustment of the warfarin dose may be necessary.
- Sublimazole hypoglycaemics - The plasma concentration of these agents may be increased and hypoglycaemia can result. Blood glucose concentrations should be monitored and the dose of the sulfonylurea may need to be reduced.
- Phenytoin - Decreased metabolism of phenytoin, resulting in increased plasma concentrations and possible phenytoin toxicity.

Other information on interactions:
Co-administration of FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES and nevirapine resulted in approximately 100% increase in nevirapine exposure as compared with historical data where nevirapine was administered alone. Because of the risk of increased exposure to nevirapine, caution should be exercised if nevirapine and FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES are given concurrently and patients should be monitored closely.

PREGNANCY AND LACTATION:
The use of FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES during pregnancy has resulted in congenital malformations and should be avoided (see CONTRAINDICATIONS). FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES should not be given to breastfeeding women (see CONTRAINDICATIONS).

FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES is distributed into the breast milk at concentrations similar to those in plasma.

Safety and efficacy of FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES in children has not been established for the following indications:
Recent vaginal candidiasis, candida balanitis, dematiaceous and dematiaceous infections, includinginea pedis, tinea corporis, tinea cruris, tinea unguium (onychomycosis) and dematiaceous candida infections.

DOSEAGE AND DIRECTIONS FOR USE:
Cryptococcal meningitis:
Adults: Initial dose is 400 mg on the first day, followed by 200 mg to 400 mg daily depending on the clinical response. Duration of therapy is based on clinical and mycological response, but is usually 6 weeks, following amphotericin B therapy and 10 weeks with FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES monotherapy.
Children over 4 weeks of age: 6 mg/kg/day to 12 mg/kg/day depending on the severity of infection.
Maintenance therapy to prevent relapse of cryptococcal meningitis in patients with AIDS:
Adults: 100 mg to 200 mg per day.
Systemic candidiasis:
Adults: Initial dose is 400 mg on the first day, followed by 200 mg daily.
The dose may be increased to 400 mg daily depending on the clinical response.
Children over 4 weeks of age: 6 mg/kg/day to 12 mg/kg/day depending on the severity of infection.
Duration of therapy is based on clinical and mycological response.
Onychopharyngeal candidiasis:
Adults: 50 mg to 100 mg daily for 7 to 14 days. Severely immunocompromised patients may require longer treatment periods.
To prevent relapse in AIDS patients: 150 mg of FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES may be given once a week.
Children over 4 weeks of age: Initial dose is 6 mg/kg on the first day followed by 3 mg/kg once daily. Duration of treatment is at least 2 weeks to decrease the risk of relapse.
Onychopharyngeal candidiasis:
Adults: Initial dose is 200 mg on the first day, followed by 100 mg to 200 mg daily. Doses up to 400 mg once a day may be used if there is no clinical response after 14 days in the naïve dose. Duration of treatment is at least 3 weeks and for an additional 2 weeks after the symptoms have resolved.
Prophylaxis of fungal infections in patients who receive cytotoxic chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy:
Adults: 50 mg to 400 mg daily depending on the patient's risk for developing fungal infections. Treatment should be started several days before the onset of neutropenia is expected and continued for 7 days after the neutrophil count rises above 1000 cells per mm³.
Children over 4 weeks of age: 3 to 12 mg/kg/day depending on the extent and duration of the induced neutropenia.
Vaginal candidiasis:
Adults: 50 mg administered as a single dose.
Recent vaginal candidiasis:
Adults: 50 mg administered as a single dose, once a month. The duration of therapy is individualized, but ranges from 4 to 12 months.
Candida balanitis:
Adults: 150 mg administered as a single dose.
Dematiaceous infections, including tinea pedis, tinea corporis, tinea cruris, tinea unguium (onychomycosis) and dematiaceous candida infections:
Adults: 50 mg administered as a single dose once a week.
Duration of treatment is usually 2 to 4 weeks, but tinea pedis may require up to 6 weeks of treatment. For tinea unguium treatment should continue until the infected nail grows out and is replaced with an uninfected nail. Fingernails generally require 3 to 6 months to regrow and toenails 6 to 12 months.

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ELDERLY:
Elderly: See dosage in renal failure.
Normal dosage recommendations are used in the elderly unless the patient has decreased renal function, in which case an adjustment in dosage or dosing interval is required.

DOSAGE IN RENAL FAILURE:
FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES should be used with caution in patients with renal function impairment. FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES is excreted through the kidneys. A dosage reduction or increase in dosing interval is recommended:
1. The normal loading dose or the initial dose should be given on the first day of treatment.
2. Subsequent doses should be adjusted according to the creatinine clearance.
If creatinine clearance is > 50 ml/min the normal dose can be given.
If creatinine clearance is < 50 ml/min and patient is not receiving dialysis, 50% of the normal dose can be given.
Patients on regular haemodialysis should receive a standard dose of FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES after each dialysis session.
The patient's creatinine clearance (Cr) can be estimated by using the following formula:
Cr (ml/min) = $\frac{\text{Weight (kg)} \times (140 - \text{age})}{72 \times (\text{serum creatinine (micromol/l)}) \times 88}$
For female = $\frac{\text{Weight (kg)} \times (140 - \text{age})}{88 \times (\text{serum creatinine (micromol/l)}) \times 88}$

Special precautions:
Liver function should be monitored periodically in all patients receiving continuous treatment with FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES for more than one month or when a patient develops signs or symptoms suggestive of liver dysfunction. FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES should be discontinued if abnormalities in enzyme values persist, worsen or if they are accompanied by symptoms of hepatotoxicity.

KNOWN SYMPTOMS OF OVERDOSE AND PARTICULARS OF ITS TREATMENT:
(See SIDE EFFECTS AND SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS).
Symptoms of overdose: The following have been reported with an overdose of FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES: Irritability, insomnia, depressed mood, numbness of the tongue, bulging frontal, anorexia, vomiting, abdominal pain/cramps, dizziness, blurred vision, double vision, headache, drowsiness, skin eruptions, arthralgia, renal failure, elevation of alkaline phosphatase and gamma-glutamyl transaminases and increase in serum calcium.
Treatment of overdose:
Treatment is symptomatic and supportive. There is no specific antidote. FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES is largely excreted in the urine. Forced diuresis may increase the elimination rate.
Elimination of FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES can be facilitated by haemodialysis. The concentration of FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES can be decreased by about 50% by a three hour haemodialysis session.

IDENTIFICATION:
FLUCONAZOLE STRIDES Capsules:
White powder filled in hard gelatin capsules of size 0 with white opaque body and sky blue opaque cap having 'F20' in black printing on its black cap.
FLUCONAZOLE 200 STRIDES Capsules:
White powder filled in hard gelatin capsules of size 0 with white body and cap blue cap.

PRESENTATION:
FLUCONAZOLE 50 STRIDES Capsules:
Capsule containing transparent PVC/PVDC and aluminium foil blister pack of 14 capsules.
FLUCONAZOLE 200 STRIDES Capsules:
Capsule containing transparent PVC/PVDC and aluminium foil blister pack of 28 or 30 capsules.

STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS:
FLUCONAZOLE 50 STRIDES: 30/202/2/0101
FLUCONAZOLE 200 STRIDES: 30/202/2/0103
Store at or below 25 °C in a dry place.
KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.

REGISTRATION NUMBERS:
FLUCONAZOLE 50 STRIDES: 30/202/2/0101
FLUCONAZOLE 200 STRIDES: 30/202/2/0103

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