Abbreviated Prescribing Information for DIFLUCAN™ (fluconazole)

**Presentation:** Capsules containing 50mg, 150mg or 200mg fluconazole; Intravenous infusion containing fluconazole 2mg/ml in 0.9% sodium chloride solution; Powder for Oral Suspension containing either fluconazole 50mg/5ml or 200mg/5ml on reconstitution with 24ml water.

**Indications and dosage:**
- **Adults:** Systemic candidiasis: 400mg on the first day followed by 200-400mg once daily. Cryptococcosis, including meningitis: 400mg on the first day followed by 200-400mg once daily. Maintenance therapy to prevent relapse of cryptococcal meningitis in patients with AIDS: 100-200mg daily. Cryptosporidial candidiasis: 50-100mg once daily for 7-14 days or longer in immunocompromised patients. Other opportunistic candidiasis: 50-100mg once daily for 14-30 days. Prevention of fungal infections in neutropenic patients following cytotoxic chemotherapy or radiotherapy: 50-400mg once daily based on patient's risk for developing fungal infection. Dermal fungal infection: 30mg once daily for up to 6 weeks (usually 2-4 weeks - see data sheet). Vaginal candidiasis and candidal balanitis: single 150mg dose. In the elderly: as above except for those renal impaired - see data sheet. **Children:** over 4 weeks old: Mucosal candidiasis: 3mg/kg daily. A loading dose of 6mg/kg may be used on the first day. Systemic candidiasis and cryptococcal infection: 6-12mg/kg daily depending on severity of disease. Prevention of fungal infections in neutropenic patients following cytotoxic chemotherapy or radiotherapy: 3-12mg/kg daily. Maximum dose of 400mg daily. **Children below 4 weeks of age:** First two weeks of life: the same mg/kg dosing as above to a maximum dose of 12mg/kg administered every 72 hours. During weeks 2-4 of life same mg/kg dose to a maximum of 12mg/kg given every 48 hours. **Administration:** either orally or by intravenous infusion at a rate of approximately 5-10ml/min. The dosages for the two routes are equivalent. **Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to fluconazole or related azoles; pregnancy and women of childbearing potential unless adequate contraception is employed; coadministration of terfenadine and cisapride. **Warnings:** Lactation: Not recommended. Renal impairment: dosage reduction in both adults and children may be necessary, see data sheet. **Drug interactions:** Relevance to single-dose has not yet been established. Anticoagulants, astemizole, cyclosporin, diuretics, oral sulphonylureas, phenytoin, rifabutin, rifampicin, tacrolimus, theophylline and zidovudine. Co-administration of terfenadine and cisapride contraindicated. **Side-effects:** Nausea, abdominal discomfort, diarrhoea, flatulence, rash, headache and rarely anaphylaxis. **Legal Category:** POM. **Basic NHS Cost and Package Quantities:** DIFLUCAN capsules in calendar packs containing 7 x 50mg (£16.61, PL 57/0289), 7 x 200mg (£66.42, PL 57/0317) or 1 x 150mg (£7.12, PL 57/0290); Powder for Oral Suspension, 35ml bottle of 50mg/5ml (£16.61, PL 57/0343), 35ml bottle of 200mg/5ml (£66.42, PL 57/0344); Intravenous Infusion: 25ml (50mg) bottle (£7.32, PL 57/0315); 100ml (200mg) bottle (£29.28, PL 57/0315). Hospital prices are available on request. Further information on request. **DIFLUCAN is well tolerated with few adverse effects - Osterloh I (1992) In: The Antifungal Agents Vol 1 Fluconazole Johnson & Johnson (Eds) Marius Press: 40-60. Further information on request. Pfizer Limited, Sandwich, Kent CT13 9NJ. 51794 December 1997**

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