

SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

1. Name of the medicinal product

Micazole (miconazole) 20mg Oral Gel

2. Qualitative and quantitative composition

Each gram of oral gel contains 20 mg of miconazole.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. Pharmaceutical form

Oral gel

White homogeneous cream free of grittiness.

4. Clinical particulars

4.1 Therapeutic indications

Oral treatment of candidosis of the oropharynx.

Miconazole gel is for use in adults, children and infants 4 months and older.

4.2 Posology and method of administration

For oral administration.

1 measuring spoon (provided) is equivalent to 124 mg miconazole per 5 mL gel.

Oropharyngeal candidosis

Infants: 4-24 months: 1.25 mL (1/4 measuring spoon) of gel, applied four times a day after meals. Each dose should be divided into smaller portions and the gel should be applied to the affected area(s) with a clean finger. The gel should not be applied to the back of the throat due to possible choking. The gel should not be swallowed immediately but kept in the mouth as long as possible.

Adults and children 2 years of age and older: 2.5 mL (1/2 measuring spoon) of gel, applied four times a day after meals.

The gel should not be swallowed immediately but kept in the mouth as long as possible.

The treatment should be continued for at least a week after the symptoms have disappeared.

For oral candidosis, dental prostheses should be removed at night and brushed with the gel.

4.3 Contraindications

Known hypersensitivity to miconazole, other imidazole derivatives or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

In infants less than 4 months of age or in those whose swallowing reflex is not yet sufficiently developed (see section 4.4)

In patients with liver dysfunction.

Coadministration of the following drugs that are subject to metabolism by CYP3A4: (See Section 4.5 Interactions with Other Medicinal Products and Other Forms of Interaction)

- Substrates known to prolong the QT-interval e.g. astemizole, cisapride, dofetilide, mizolastine, pimozone, quinidine, sertindole and terfenadine

- Ergot alkaloids

- HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors such as simvastatin and lovastatin
- Triazolam and oral midazolam

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

Miconazole is systemically absorbed and is known to inhibit CYP2C9 and CYP3A4 (see Section 5.2 Pharmacokinetic Properties) which can lead to prolonged effects of warfarin. Bleeding events, some with fatal outcomes, have been reported with concurrent use of miconazole oral gel and warfarin (see Section 4.5 Interaction with Other Medicinal Products and Other Forms of Interaction and section 4.8 Undesirable effects). If the concomitant use of Miconazole Oral Gel with an oral anticoagulant such as warfarin is planned, caution should be exercised and the anticoagulant effect must be carefully monitored and titrated (see section 4.5).

Patients should be advised that if they experience unexpected bleeding or bruising, nosebleeds, coughing up blood, blood in the urine, black tarry stools or coffee ground vomit, to stop treatment with miconazole and seek medical advice.

Severe hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis and angioedema, have been reported during treatment with Miconazole and with other miconazole formulations (see section 4.8). If a reaction suggesting hypersensitivity or irritation should occur, the treatment should be discontinued.

It is advisable to monitor miconazole and phenytoin levels, if these two drugs are used concomitantly.

In patients using certain oral hypoglycaemics such as sulphonylureas, an enhanced therapeutic effect leading to hypoglycaemia may occur during concomitant treatment with miconazole and appropriate measures should be considered (See Section 4.5 Interactions with Other Medicinal Products and Other Forms of Interaction).

Choking in infants and young children

Particularly in infants and young children (aged 4 months – 2 years), caution is required, to ensure that the gel does not obstruct the throat. Hence, the gel should not be applied to the back of the throat. Each dose should be divided into smaller portions and applied into the mouth with a clean finger. Observe the patient for possible choking. Also due to the risk of choking, the gel must not be applied to the nipple of a breast-feeding woman for administration to an infant.

It is important to take into consideration the variability of the maturation of the swallowing function in infants, especially when giving miconazole gel to infants between the ages of 4-6 months. The lower age limit should be increased to 5-6 months of age for infants who are pre-term, or infants exhibiting slow neuromuscular development.

Serious skin reactions (e.g. Toxic epidermal necrolysis and Stevens-Johnson syndrome) have been reported in patients receiving Miconazole Oral Gel. It is recommended that patients be informed about the signs of serious skin reactions, and that use of Miconazole Oral Gel be discontinued at the first appearance of skin rash.

Benzyl alcohol

Medicinal product contains benzyl alcohol in each single maximum dose for an adult (10 ml of oral gel). Benzyl alcohol may cause allergic reactions.

Administration of benzyl alcohol is associated with the risk of severe side effects including breathing problems (called “gaspings syndrome”) in young children.

Pregnant or breast-feeding women should ask doctor for advice before taking this medicine. This is because large amounts of benzyl alcohol can build-up in their body and may cause side effects (called “metabolic acidosis”).

Patients with a kidney disease should ask doctor for advice before taking this medicine. This is because large amounts of benzyl alcohol can build-up in their body and may cause side effects (called “metabolic acidosis”). High volumes of benzyl alcohol should be administered with caution and only, if necessary, especially in patients with kidney impairment because of the risk of accumulation of toxicity (metabolic acidosis).

Benzyl alcohol may cause mild local irritation.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

When using any concomitant medication the corresponding label should be consulted for information on the route of metabolism. Miconazole can inhibit the metabolism of drugs metabolised by the CYP3A4 and CYP2C9 enzyme systems. This can result in an increase and/or prolongation of their effects, including adverse effects.

Oral miconazole is contraindicated with the coadministration of the following drugs that are subject to metabolism by CYP3A4 (See Section 4.3 Contraindications);

- Substrates known to prolong the QT-interval e.g., astemizole, cisapride, dofetilide, mizolastine, pimozone, quinidine, sertindole and terfenadine
- Ergot alkaloids
- HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors such as simvastatin and lovastatin
- Triazolam and oral midazolam

When coadministered with oral miconazole the following drugs should be used with caution because of a possible increase or prolongation of the therapeutic outcome and/or adverse events.

If necessary, their dosage should be reduced and, where appropriate, plasma levels monitored:

Drugs subject to metabolism by CYP2C9 (see Section 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use);

- Oral anticoagulants such as warfarin,
- Oral hypoglycaemics such as sulphonylureas
- Phenytoin

Other drugs subject to metabolism by CYP3A4;

- HIV Protease Inhibitors such as saquinavir;
- Certain antineoplastic agents such as vinca alkaloids, busulfan and docetaxel;
- Certain calcium channel blockers such as dihydropyridines and verapamil;
- Certain immunosuppressive agents: cyclosporin, tacrolimus, sirolimus (= rapamycin)
- Others: carbamazepine, cilostazol, disopyramide, buspirone, alfentanil, sildenafil, alprazolam, brotizolam, midazolam IV, rifabutin, methylprednisolone, trimetrexate, ebastine and reboxetine.

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

In animals, miconazole has shown no teratogenic effects but is foetotoxic at high oral doses. The significance of this to man is unknown. However, as with other imidazoles, Miconazole Oral Gel

should be avoided in pregnant women if possible. The potential hazards should be balanced against the possible benefits.

It is not known whether miconazole is excreted in human milk. Caution should be exercised when prescribing Micazole Oral Gel to nursing mothers.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Micazole should not affect alertness or driving ability.

4.8 Undesirable effects

Description of selected adverse reactions

Increases in INR and bleeding events such as epistaxis, contusion, haematuria, melaena, haematemesis, haematoma and haemorrhages have been reported in patients treated with oral anticoagulants such as warfarin in association with miconazole oral gel (see sections 4.4 and 4.5). Some events had fatal outcomes.

Table A includes all identified adverse reactions, including those that have been reported from post-marketing experience.

The frequency categories use the following convention: very common ($\geq 1/10$); common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$); uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$); rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to $< 1/1,000$); very rare ($< 1/10,000$); and not known (cannot be estimated from the available clinical trial data).

Table A: Adverse Drug Reactions in Patients Treated with Micazole Oral Gel

System Organ Class	Adverse Drug Reactions		
	Frequency Category		
	Common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$)	Uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$)	Not Known
Immune System Disorders			Anaphylactic reaction, Hypersensitivity
Nervous System Disorders		Dysgeusia	
Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders			Choking
Gastrointestinal Disorders	Dry mouth, Nausea, Oral discomfort, Vomiting, Regurgitation		Diarrhoea, Stomatitis, Tongue discolouration
Hepatobiliary Disorders			Hepatitis
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders			Angioedema, Toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, Urticaria, Rash, Acute generalised

			exanthematous pustulosis, Drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions	Product taste abnormal		

4.9 Overdose

Symptoms:

In the event of accidental overdose, vomiting and diarrhoea may occur.

Treatment:

Treatment is symptomatic and supportive. A specific antidote is not available.

5. Pharmacological properties

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Miconazole possesses an antifungal activity against the common dermatophytes and yeasts as well as an antibacterial activity against certain gram-positive bacilli and cocci.

Its activity is based on the inhibition of the ergosterol biosynthesis in fungi and the change in the composition of the lipid components in the membrane, resulting in fungal cell necrosis. ATC

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5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Absorption:

Miconazole is systemically absorbed after administration as the oral gel. Administration of a 60 mg dose of miconazole as the oral gel results in peak plasma concentrations of 31 to 49 ng/mL, occurring approximately two hours post-dose.

Distribution:

Absorbed miconazole is bound to plasma proteins (88.2%), primarily to serum albumin and red blood cells (10.6%).

Metabolism and Elimination:

The absorbed portion of miconazole is largely metabolized; less than 1% of an administered dose is excreted unchanged in the urine. The terminal half-life of plasma miconazole is 20 to 25 hours in most patients. The elimination half-life of miconazole is similar in renally impaired patients.

Plasma concentrations of miconazole are moderately reduced (approximately 50%) during hemodialysis. About 50% of an oral dose may be excreted in the faeces partly metabolized and partly unchanged.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

Preclinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of local irritation, single and repeated dose toxicity, genotoxicity, and toxicity to reproduction.

6. Pharmaceutical particulars

6.1 List of excipients

Purified water
Carbopol 974 NFP
Propylene glycol
Ethanol 96%
Glycerin
Sodium saccharin
Strawberry flavor
PEG 2000
PVP- K 25
Sorbitol 70% solution
Ethyl maltol
Ponceau red

6.2 Incompatibilities

None known

6.3 Shelf Life

3 Years

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Do not store above 30°C

6.5 Nature and contents of container

Tubes containing 20 or 40 g of oral gel

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Not applicable

7. MARKETING AUTHORIZATION HOLDER

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