



## POSACONAZOLE (tablet)

*poe-sa-kon-a-zole*

### What does it do?

*Posaconazole* is used to treat and prevent fungal infections.

### Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have liver, kidney or heart problems.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- Your doctor may do a heart test (ECG) before you start and while you are taking *posaconazole*.

### How should you take it?

Take *posaconazole* regularly as directed with a glass of water. Swallow the tablet whole, do not crush or chew it. Keep taking it until the course is finished, even when you start to feel better.

### What if you forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as possible and continue as directed.

### Can you take other medicines?

Some medicines available without a prescription may react with *posaconazole* including:

- sildenafil (e.g. Viagra®) or similar medicines

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

### What side effects might you notice?

| Side Effects   | Recommended action              |
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| Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing<br>Reduced number of blood cells that fight infections or help your blood to clot - symptoms include: fever, chills, sore throat or generally feeling unwell, or easy or unusual bruising or bleeding<br>Symptoms of liver problems including: yellow skin or eyes, itching, dark urine, pale bowel motions, abdominal pain<br>Fainting | Tell your doctor immediately    |
| Headache<br>Stomach upset  | Tell your doctor if troublesome |

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

### Other information:

- You will need regular blood tests while taking *posaconazole* to check if it is causing problems with your liver or kidneys. You may also need blood tests to check how much *posaconazole* is in your blood.