

## FLUCONAZOLE (injection)

*floo-kon-ah-zole*

### What does it do?

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

### Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have liver, kidney or heart problems, or have ever had a seizure.
- 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 *fluconazole*.

### How is it given?

*Fluconazole* is given as an infusion into a vein.

### What if you forget a dose?

The missed dose should be given as soon as possible and treatment should continue as directed. *Fluconazole* is usually given to you by a health professional. If you miss a dose, contact your health professional as soon as possible.

### Can you take other medicines?

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

- sildenafil (e.g. Viagra®) or similar medicines
- anti-inflammatories, such as diclofenac (e.g. Voltaren®) or ibuprofen (e.g. Nurofen®). These can also be found in some cold and flu medicines (e.g. Nurofen Cold and Flu®).

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>Seizures<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.