

Fluconazole (Diflucan)

Diflucan is an antibiotic prescribed for the treatment of a variety of fungal and yeast infections, including infections of the skin and toenails. This medication is normally a pill taken on a once per day basis, with or without food. The duration of treatment with Fluconazole depends on the condition that is being treated.

The majority of patients who take Fluconazole have no side effects. Like any medication, there are potential side effects such as stomach upset or an allergic reaction. These reactions are not common with this medication. During prolonged treatment with Fluconazole, liver function tests may be performed to monitor for liver toxicity.

It is important to realize that this medication can interact with other medicine. Some of the more common interactions include statins, sildenafil (Viagra) or warfarin (Coumadin). Fluconazole may increase the blood levels of these medications. It is important that you notify us of all your regular daily medications.

As with some other medications, pregnant or nursing mothers should not take Fluconazole. If there is a chance you are pregnant, please stop this medication and call the office.

In summary, Fluconazole is a safe and effective medication in treatment of yeast and fungal infections. If you have any other questions about this medication, please do not hesitate to ask me before you leave the office.