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Your cat has been prescribed clotrimazole for the treatment of a fungal infection.

Key points:

- **Antifungal.**
- **For topical use only. Do not give by mouth.**
- **Contraindicated for use in animals with ruptured ear drum.**
- **Avoid contact with eyes and mucous membranes.**
- **Animals treated with topical sprays should be prevented from licking the medicated area and other pets should also be prevented from licking the treated animal. Treated pets should not be allowed contact with children and should not share beds with their owners.**
- **Dosage: varies between preparations. Follow your veterinarian's directions.**

This information sheet is designed to help answer commonly asked questions and help you give the medication safely and effectively to your pet. It does not contain all available information for this medication. If you have other questions or need more information, contact your veterinarian or pharmacist. Always follow the dosing instructions provided by your veterinarian.

Name, Brand names, Class of medication and Storage

Name

- Clotrimazole (clo-TRIM-ah-zole).

Brand name

- Aurizon® Ear Drops (combination product with other medications).
- Otoxolan® Ear Drops, Suspension for Dogs (UK) (combination product with other medications).
- Otomax® Ear Drops Suspension (UK) (combination product with other



medications).

- Veltrim 1% Dermatologic Cream (US).
- Otomax® (US).
- Mometamax™ Otic Suspension (US).

Class of medication

- Anti-fungal.

Storage

- Store at room temperature.
- Shake liquids well before use.

Why has my cat been prescribed clotrimazole?

Your veterinarian has prescribed clotrimazole for the treatment of a fungal infection such as *Malassezia pachydermatitis*.

How is the medication given?

Clotrimazole is applied to the skin or ear as a cream, ointment or liquid (not given by mouth). Preparations vary and dosing frequency will be advised by your veterinarian.

Gloves should be worn and package safety instructions followed carefully.

Are there any side-effects or drug interactions?

Avoid contact with eyes and mucous membranes. Clotrimazole should not be administered to cats with a perforated eardrum.

Possible side-effects include red spots at the site of treatment, temporary impairment of hearing and in extremely rare cases irreversible loss of hearing has been reported. Contact your veterinarian if you have any concerns.

Clotrimazole should not be used in animals that have previously had an allergic reaction to clotrimazole.

How long will my cat need to receive this medication?

Clotrimazole should be administered according to your veterinarian's instructions. The treatment course may extend for several months, and length of treatment will depend on skin swab culture results.



How should I dispose of this medication if I don't use it all?

Dispose of any unused clotrimazole safely – do not flush down the toilet or sink. Ask your veterinary team if they take back medication for disposal. Do not save clotrimazole for future use or give to other pets.

What if I miss a dose or give an extra dose?

If you miss a dose, give the dose as soon as possible but do not give a double dose. Make sure the dose given does not exceed the total recommended dose in any 24-hour period.

My cat is unwell, should I still give the drug?

If your pet is unwell, contact your veterinarian for advice.

What should I do if this medication is accidentally given to another pet or taken by a human?

Clotrimazole should only be given to the cat that it has been prescribed for. If accidentally given to other pets, contact your veterinarian for advice.

If accidentally consumed by a human, speak to your primary care physician or poison control center.

Will my cat need to be monitored while on clotrimazole?

Your veterinarian may need to regularly check your pet during treatment, including repeated skin/ear swabs for fungal culture.

Further information

If you have any concerns, further information on clotrimazole can be found on the package inserts or via the links listed below:

Europe & UK

- Vetoquinol UK Ltd **Aurizon®** ear drops suspension.
Website: www.noahcompendium.co.uk/?id=-459194
- KRKA UL Ltd **Otoxolan®**.
Website: www.noahcompendium.co.uk/?id=-468460



- MSD Animal Health UK Ltd **Otomax® ear Drops Suspension**. Website:
www.noahcompendium.co.uk/?id=-477895&fromsearch=true#iosfirsthighlight

US

- Elanco US, Inc. **Veltrim® 1% Dermatologic Cream**. Website:
animaldrugsatfda.fda.gov/adafda/views/#/home/previewsearch/116-089
- Intervet, Inc. **Otomax®**. Website:
animaldrugsatfda.fda.gov/adafda/app/search/public/document/downloadFoi/1368
- Intervet, Inc. **Mometamax™ Otic Suspension**. Website:
animaldrugsatfda.fda.gov/adafda/app/search/public/document/downloadFoi/687

Always follow the recommended dosage and contact your veterinary team or pharmacist if you have any questions regarding your cat's medication.

Further Reading

Refereed papers

Other sources of information

