Ecoren[®]

Econazole Nitrate

Description

Ecoren[®] Cream and **Ecoren**[®] VT is preparation of Econazole Nitrate. It is an imidazole antifungal agent. It appears to alter fungal cell membranes resulting in defective function.

Indications

Ecoren[®] Cream: All fungal skin infections due to dermatophytes, yeasts, moulds and other fungi. These include vulvo-vaginal candidiasis, candidal napkin rash and other candidal infections, ringworm (tinea) infections, athlete's foot, paronychia, pityriasis vesicolor and balanatis. For the treatment of onchomysis, local therapy with Econazole cream, combined with an oral antimycotic is recommended.

Dosage and Administration

Ecoren[®] Cream: It should be applied to skin lesions in the morning and evening. Treatment should be continued for two weeks after the lesions have cleared. **Ecoren**[®] cream should be applied to infected nails once daily and the nail should be covered with and occlusive dressing. Nails should be clipped short at regular intervals and treatment continued uninterrupted until the growth of new nails is established.

Ecoren[®] VT: It should be inserted high into the vagina at bedtime for three consecutive nights. Patients should be instructed not to discontinue treatment upon relief of symptoms, but to complete the prescribed course.

Directions for using the (Ecoren[®] VT) applicator

- Pull out plunger until it stops.
- Place a vaginal tablet in to the applicator.
- Insert applicator containing the tablet carefully as deeply as possible into the vagina (best lying on your back).
- Push plunger until it stops, thereby depositing the tablet into the vagina.
- Remove the applicator.

Uses in pregnancy and lactation

There is no information of any abnormality or adverse event in neonates while **Ecoren**[®] Cream/ Ecoren[®] VT had been used during pregnancy. As the systemic absorption of Econazole Nitrate cream is extremely low after topical/vaginal use, excretion in breast milk is likely to be negligible. So it can be used topically/vaginally during lactation if needed.

Side effect

Topical and intravaginal treatment with Econazole Nitrate can cause local transient and mild irritation, itching & redness may occur immediately after application. Econazole has minimal allergic effect. It is well tolerated, even by delicate skin.

Local irritations are not likely to occur, except in rare case, e.g., in eczematous skin areas. In such cases, anitaczematous treatment is recommended for several days before therapy with Econazole is initiated.

Contraindications

Econazole Nitrate is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any component of the formulation.

Precautions

Hypersensitivity has rarely been recorded. If something like this occurs, administration of this product should be discontinued. The infected area should be kept clean dry during treatment.

Warnings

Ecoren[®] VT is not for oral use. Consult medical practitioner if there is abdominal pain, fever or foul-smelling vaginal discharge before or during the use of this medication. It should not used in girls under 12 years of age.

Pharmaceutical Precautions

Store in a cool, dry place.

Presentation

Ecoren[®] Cream: White non staining, smooth cream containing Econazole Nitrate BP 1%. **Ecoren**[®] VT: White, bullet shaped tablet engraved with ACI on one side. Each tablet contains Econazole Nitrate BP 150mg.

Package Quantities

Ecoren[®] Cream: Tubes of 10g. **Ecoren**[®] VT: Carton of 3's tablets in Alu-Alu blister strip with applicator.

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