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Xolegel Gel

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Description

Side Effects Burning, redness, or dryness of the treated skin may occur. If any of these effects last or get worse, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly. Remember that this medication has been prescribed because your doctor has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication do not have serious side effects. Tell your doctor right away if you have any serious side effects, including: blisters/open sores on the treated skin, eye swelling. A very serious allergic reaction to this drug is rare. However, get medical help right away if you notice any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, including: rash, itching/swelling (especially of the face/tongue/throat), severe dizziness, trouble breathing. This is not a complete list of possible side effects. If you notice other effects not listed above, contact your doctor or pharmacist. In the US – Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or at www.fda.gov/medwatch. In Canada – Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to Health Canada at 1-866-234-2345. How long does it take for this medicine to take effect? The onset of action of Xolegel Gel, containing the active ingredient ketoconazole, can vary depending on the condition being treated. In cases of fungal skin infections, noticeable improvement may begin within a few days to weeks of regular application. However, complete resolution of symptoms may take several weeks of consistent use. How long do the effects of this medicine last? The effects of Xolegel Gel typically last as long as the medication is being applied to the affected area. It is important to continue using the medication for the duration prescribed by a healthcare professional, even if symptoms improve before completion of the treatment course, to ensure complete eradication of the fungal infection and prevent recurrence. Is it safe to consume alcohol while taking this medicine? There are no known interactions between alcohol consumption and the use of Xolegel Gel. However, it is always advisable to consult with a healthcare provider regarding alcohol consumption while undergoing any medical treatment. Is this a habit forming medicine? Xolegel Gel is not considered a habit-forming medication. It is used topically for the treatment of fungal skin infections and is not associated with habituation, dependence, or withdrawal symptoms. Can this medicine be taken during pregnancy? The safety of using Xolegel Gel during pregnancy has not been established. Pregnant individuals should consult with their healthcare provider before using this medication to assess the potential risks and benefits, as well as explore alternative treatment options that may be safer during pregnancy. Can this medicine be taken while breast-feeding? It is not recommended to use Xolegel Gel while breastfeeding unless specifically prescribed by a healthcare provider. While ketoconazole, the active ingredient in Xolegel Gel, is unlikely to be absorbed in significant amounts

through topical application, there is limited information available on its excretion into breast milk and potential effects on the nursing infant. Therefore, healthcare providers should be consulted before using this medication while breastfeeding. Uses This medication is used to treat a certain skin condition (seborrheic dermatitis, a type of dandruff). In this condition, it is believed that a fungus (*Malassezia furfur*) infects the skin or scalp, resulting in dry, flaky skin (scales) on the scalp, face, ears, chest, or upper back. Ketoconazole is an azole antifungal drug that works by stopping the growth of fungus. How to use Xolegel Gel Read the Patient Information Leaflet if available from your pharmacist before you start using ketoconazole and each time you get a refill. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Use this medication on the scalp and skin only. Clean and thoroughly dry the area to be treated. Wash hands before and after applying this medication. Apply it to the affected skin and also to a small amount of the normal skin next to this area as directed by your doctor, usually once a day. Length of treatment depends on the response to treatment and is usually for 2 weeks. Do not apply this more often than prescribed. Your condition will not clear faster, but side effects may be increased. Do not get this medication in the eyes, nose, or mouth. If this occurs, flush with plenty of water. If irritation occurs, contact your doctor right away. Use this medication regularly to get the most benefit from it. To help you remember, use it at the same time each day. Do not wash the treated area for at least 3 hours after applying this medication. Wait at least 20 minutes before applying makeup or sunscreen to the treated skin. Tell your doctor if your condition lasts or gets worse after 2 weeks. Precautions Before using ketoconazole, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to it; or to other azole antifungals such as clotrimazole, econazole, or miconazole; or if you have any other allergies. This product may contain inactive ingredients, which can cause allergic reactions or other problems. Talk to your pharmacist for more details. Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history. During pregnancy, this medication should be used only when clearly needed. Discuss the risks and benefits with your doctor. It is unknown if this drug passes into breast milk. Consult your doctor before breast-feeding. Overdose This medicine may be harmful if swallowed. If someone has overdosed and has serious symptoms such as passing out or trouble breathing, call 911. Otherwise, call a poison control center right away. US residents can call their local poison control center at 1-800-222-1222. Canada residents can call a provincial poison control center. Do not share this medication with others. This medication has been prescribed for your current condition only. Do not use it later for another skin condition unless told to do so by your doctor. A different medication may be necessary in that case. If you miss a dose, use it as soon as you remember. If it is near the time of the next dose, skip the missed dose. Use your next dose at the regular time. Do not double the dose to catch up. Store at room temperature. This product is flammable. Do not store or use near an open flame. Keep all medications away from children and pets. Do not flush medications down the toilet or pour them into a drain unless instructed to do so. Properly discard this product when it is expired or no longer needed. Consult your pharmacist or local waste disposal company. Interactions Drug interactions may change how your medications work or increase your risk for serious side effects. This document does not contain all possible drug interactions. Keep a list of all the products you use (including prescription/nonprescription drugs and herbal products) and share it with your doctor and pharmacist. Do not start, stop, or change the dosage of any medicines without your doctor's approval.

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Other Details
