

Package leaflet: Information for the user

Canesten 500 mg soft vaginal capsule clotrimazole

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.

Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after 7 days.

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1. What Canesten soft vaginal capsule is and what it is used for

The active substance in Canesten soft vaginal capsule is clotrimazole, which belongs to the group of imidazoles. It has a broad effect against fungi, i.e. it destroys fungi and inhibits their growth. It is also effective against micro-organisms such as dermatophytes, yeasts and moulds.

Canesten soft vaginal capsule is used to **treat infections of the vagina and external female genital organs caused by clotrimazole-sensitive microorganisms**. The infections are usually caused by Candida yeast fungus. Symptoms include itching, burning, and vaginal discharge.

This medicine is used in adults and adolescents aged 16 years and older.

2. What you need to know before you use Canesten soft vaginal capsule

Do not use Canesten soft vaginal capsule:

- if you are allergic to clotrimazole or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Canesten soft vaginal capsule if you have:

- your first vaginal infection
- recurrent infections, at least four infections during the previous year
- fever of 38°C or more
- pain in the lower abdomen, back pain
- foul-smelling vaginal discharge
- nausea
- vaginal bleeding and/or simultaneous pain in the shoulders

Do not use tampons, vaginal rinses, products that kill sperm or other products intended for vaginal use, at the same time as Canesten soft vaginal capsule.

Avoid sexual intercourse during use of the medicine because the infection may be transmitted to your sexual partner.

The contraceptive properties of latex contraceptives, such as condoms and diaphragms, may be reduced.

Do not swallow Canesten soft vaginal capsules.

Children and adolescents

In adolescents aged less than 16 years Canesten soft vaginal capsule should not be used without a doctor's prescription [OTC].

Other medicines and Canesten soft vaginal capsule

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines.

Contact your doctor if you are taking **tacrolimus** or **sirolimus**, medicines used to control the body's immune response after organ transplantation.

It is also possible that the concentration of certain medicines might increase if they are used concomitantly with Canesten vaginal soft capsule. However, with a single 500 mg dose it is unlikely that this will occur. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice if you are unsure about using a medicine at the same time as Canesten vaginal soft capsule.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using this medicine.

- **Pregnancy**

As a precaution, the use of clotrimazole should be **avoided during the first three months** of pregnancy.

During pregnancy, **do not use the provided applicator**. Therefore, insert the soft vaginal capsule into the vagina with a finger, to prevent injuries to the uterine cervix.

- **Breast-feeding**

Canesten soft vaginal capsule is not recommended during breast-feeding. As a precaution, it is recommended that breast-feeding is interrupted for duration of the treatment. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

Driving and using machines

Canesten soft vaginal capsule has no effect on the ability to drive and use machines.

3. How to use Canesten soft vaginal capsule

Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure. [OTC]

The recommended dose is:

- one soft vaginal capsule inserted deep into the vagina as a single dose in the evening.

Canesten soft vaginal capsule is not recommended during the menstrual period. The treatment should be finished before the onset of menstruation.

If your sexual partner has symptoms of yeast infection, these should be treated at the same time.

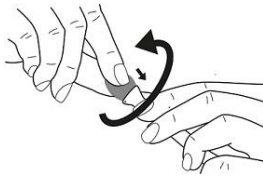
Instruction for use

The soft vaginal capsule should be inserted as deeply in the vagina as possible at bedtime with the provided applicator.

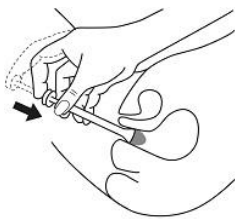
1. Pull the applicator's plunger outward until it stops. Put the soft vaginal capsule in the applicator.



2. Place the soft vaginal capsule firmly in the applicator's holder by twisting it gently.



3. Insert the loaded applicator deep into the vagina. This is best achieved when lying back with the legs slightly drawn up. Press the plunger completely inside the applicator. Remove the applicator with the plunger pressed in.



Inserting the soft vaginal capsule without an applicator:

If you are pregnant insert the vaginal soft capsule into the vagina with your fingers.

Duration of treatment

Canesten soft vaginal capsule is used as a single dose treatment.

Contact a doctor if symptoms have not significantly improved **after 7 days** from start of the treatment, to confirm the cause of the infection. If the symptoms become worse, contact a doctor.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Side effects can occur with the following frequencies:

Common, may affect up to 1 in 10 people:

- burning

Uncommon, may affect up to 1 in 100 people:

- abdominal pain
- itching

- skin reddening/irritation

Rare, may affect up to 1 in 1000 people:

- allergic reactions
- swelling
- skin rash
- vaginal bleeding

Frequency not known, according to available data

- genital peeling
- discomfort
- pelvic pain

Stop the treatment if you have local side effects or allergic reactions.

Local reactions may be similar to the symptoms of the disease. Therefore it may sometimes be difficult to differentiate the symptoms of infection from the adverse effects caused by the medicine.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via www.ravimiamet.ee. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Canesten soft vaginal capsule

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

This medicine does not require any special storage conditions.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the package after “Kõlblik kuni:”. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Canesten vaginal soft capsule contains

- The active substance is clotrimazole.
 - Each soft vaginal capsule contains 500 mg of clotrimazole.
- The other ingredients are:
 - gelatin
 - glycerol
 - paraffin, white soft; paraffin, liquid
 - purified water
 - titanium dioxide (E171)
 - quinoline yellow (E104)
 - sunset yellow (E110)
 - lecithin (E322)
 - triglycerides, medium-chain

What Canesten soft vaginal capsule looks like and contents of the pack

One yellow vaginal soft capsule in a foil package and an applicator, both enclosed in a cardboard carton.

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UAB Bayer
Sporto 18
LT-09238 Vilnius
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Manufacturer:

GP Grenzach Produktions GmbH
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Other sources of information

Detailed information on this medicine is available on the State Agency of Medicines web site:
<http://www.ravimiamet.ee/>.

For any information about this medicine, please contact the local representative of the Marketing Authorisation Holder:

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