

INFORMATION FOR THE PATIENT

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APO-TERBINAFINE

Terbinafine Hydrochloride Tablets

Take once daily, preferably at the same time each day.

ABOUT YOUR MEDICINE

APO-TERBINAFINE is used to treat fungal infections of the skin, fingernails and toenails. The treatment should only be taken as prescribed by your doctor. Some evidence of infection may still be present at the end of treatment. This will gradually diminish.

If any of the information in this leaflet causes you special concern or if you want additional information about your medicine and its use, contact your doctor or pharmacist. Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children and never share your medicines with others.

BEFORE USING THIS MEDICINE

Discuss with your doctor the possible side effects that may be caused by this medicine.

Tell your doctor if you:

- are allergic to any medicines, either prescription or nonprescription (OTC), or foods;
- are pregnant or intend to become pregnant while using this medicine;
- are breast-feeding; APO-TERBINAFINE is excreted in breast milk;
- are taking any other medicine, prescription or nonprescription (OTC), especially cimetidine or rifampicin;
- have a history of other medical problems, especially liver diseases such as jaundice (yellowness to skin and/or eyes), kidney disease, alcohol abuse, serious skin reactions, or blood diseases such as anemia.

PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICINE

To help clear up your infection completely, it is very important that you keep taking this medicine for the prescribed treatment period, even if your symptoms begin to clear up or you begin to feel better after a few days. Since fungal infections may be very slow to clear up, stopping your medication too soon can cause the symptoms and the fungal infection to flare up again. Try not to miss any doses. If you do miss a dose, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not double the doses and never make dose changes on your own. Take as prescribed by your doctor.

- Keep your regular appointments with your doctor.
- If you think you have taken an overdose of this medicine, check with your doctor.
- Store at temperatures between 15°C and 30°C. Protect tablets from light.

PRECAUTIONS WHILE USING APO-TERBINAFINE

Some individuals may be either very sensitive to APO-TERBINAFINE or may have had some liver disease in the past. These individuals are at risk of developing abnormal liver function. Stop taking APO-TERBINAFINE and consult your doctor immediately should you develop jaundice (yellowness to skin and/or eyes).

Very occasionally some patients have developed blood abnormalities while being treated with APO-TERBINAFINE. These reactions usually resolve on their own after stopping APO-TERBINAFINE treatment.

If you have any questions about this, check with your doctor.

Always remember to follow your doctor's instructions and have any medical tests done that your doctor may request. Keep your appointments for follow-up visits.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF APO-TERBINAFINE

TELL your doctor if you notice any of these possible side effects:

	Signs/Symptoms	Course of Action
Common	Gastrointestinal discomfort (diarrhea, cramps, nausea, vomiting, feeling of fullness or bloating).	These possible side effects may go away during treatment; however, if they continue or are bothersome, contact your doctor.
Less Common	Dry mouth, taste disturbance, tiredness, lack of concentration, non-serious skin disorders (red, itchy skin), headache, pain (back, knee, legs, feet, kidney)	These side effects should be reported to your doctor as soon as possible .
Rare and Serious	Severe skin rash, hives. * Sore throat and fever, jaundice (yellowness to skin and/or eyes), unusual fatigue, lack of appetite, dark urine, pale stools. * These signs may indicate blood or liver disorders.	Stop taking APO-TERBINAFINE and notify your doctor immediately . Your doctor will decide whether or not you should continue your APO-TERBINAFINE treatment.

Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some patients. If you notice any other effects, check with your doctor.

ASK your doctor if you do not understand these instructions or want more information.

WHO MANUFACTURES APO-TERBINAFINE

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REMINDERS:

This medicine has been prescribed only for you. Do not give it to anybody else.

If you require any further information or advice please consult your doctor or pharmacist.

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