Posaconazole (Noxafil)

About your medicine

This handout explains the medicine posaconazole, which is used to prevent and treat fungal infections. A common brand name of posaconazole is Noxafil.

What is posaconazole used for?

Posaconazole is used to prevent and treat fungal infections. It is taken orally (by mouth) and comes in 2 forms:

- **Delayed-release tablet**, 100 mg (also called long-acting, or extended release)
- **Suspension**, 40 mg/mL

These forms are **not** the same. **Use exactly the form your doctor prescribed.**

How should I take the medicine?

Delayed-Release Tablet

- **Take with food.**
- Swallow tablets whole. Do not crush, divide, or chew tablets.

Suspension

- **Take during or within 20 minutes after eating a full meal or drinking a liquid nutritional supplement.**
- You can also take the suspension with a carbonated beverage, such as ginger ale.
- Rinse the dosing spoon after each use.

What if I miss a dose?

- Take the dose as soon as you remember, unless it is less than 2 hours before your next dose. **Do not** double your dose, unless your doctor tells you to do so.
How much should I take?

This table shows common doses for the 2 forms of posaconazole:

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<th>Prevention Dose</th>
<th>Delayed-Release Tablet</th>
<th>Suspension</th>
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<td>Day 1:</td>
<td>300 mg (3 tablets, 100 mg each) by mouth twice a day</td>
<td>200 mg (5 mL) by mouth 3 times a day, or as prescribed</td>
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Cautions

- Common side effects of posaconazole include:
  - Headache or dizziness
  - Nausea, vomiting, or upset stomach
  - Diarrhea or constipation
  - Joint or back pain
  - Having a hard time sleeping
  - Loss of appetite

- Drug interactions: Posaconazole may interact with other medicines you are taking. Be sure to tell your doctor(s) and pharmacist that you are taking posaconazole before they prescribe any other medicines.

When to Call

Call your doctor right away if you have any of these rare but serious symptoms:

- Allergic reaction, such as a rash or having a hard time breathing
- Sudden severe muscle pain or cramps
- Fast or irregular heartbeat
- Any severe symptoms such as coughing up blood
- Signs of liver problems: dark urine, feeling tired, stomach pain, yellow skin or eyes, light-colored stools

Storing Your Medicine

- Store at room temperature. Do not freeze. Protect from light.
- Keep this and all medicines out of reach of children and pets.
- Check with your pharmacist about how to discard unused drugs.