

## 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.**



*Talk with your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about your medicine.*

### 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:

	Delayed-Release Tablet	Suspension
<b>Prevention Dose</b>	<b>Day 1:</b> 300 mg (3 tablets, 100 mg each) by mouth twice a day <b>Starting Day 2:</b> 300 mg (3 tablets, 100 mg each) by mouth once a day, or as prescribed	200 mg (5 mL) by mouth 3 times a day, or as prescribed
<b>Treatment Dose</b>	<b>Day 1:</b> 300 mg (3 tablets, 100 mg each) by mouth twice a day <b>Starting Day 2:</b> 300 mg (3 tablets, 100 mg each) by mouth once a day, or as prescribed	Not used for treatment

## 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.

### Questions?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or healthcare provider if you have questions or concerns.

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