

# Loprox (ciclopirox) basics

**Treats fungal infections on nails, scalp, and skin.** Loprox (ciclopirox) is a cheap, effective treatment for fungal infections that have not penetrated past the skin, but requires daily application for weeks to months to see an improvement.

## What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
<b>Loprox (ciclopirox)</b> Drug effectiveness				[Blue bar spanning from start of Months to end of Long term]	
<b>Possible side effects†</b>					
<b>Nail irritation</b>	[Red bar spanning from start of Hours to end of Days]				
<b>Redness around nails</b>	[Red bar spanning from start of Hours to end of Weeks]				
<b>Skin burning</b>	[Red bar spanning from start of Hours to end of Hours]				

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- Apply to the affected area after cleaning or washing.
- Store at room temperature away from light.
- Apply shampoo to wet hair and leave on for 3 minutes before rinsing off.
- For nail infections, apply solution evenly, allow to dry for 30 seconds, remove coating every 7 days with alcohol swabs, and trim nails frequently.
- Use within 8 weeks of opening the container.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### For external use only

Avoid contact with eyes, mouth, and vagina. If contact occurs, rinse thoroughly with water. Do not swallow Loprox (ciclopirox).

### Allergic reactions

In rare cases, people using Loprox (ciclopirox) have reported an allergic reaction. Don't use the medication if you have a known allergy to it.