

Diflucan (fluconazole) basics

Treats yeast and other fungal infections. Diflucan (fluconazole) is a cheap and effective treatment for fungal infections.

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
Diflucan (fluconazole) Drug effectiveness		[Blue bar from Day 1 to Week 2]			
Possible side effects					
Liver toxicity†			[Red bar from Week 1 to Week 2]		
Serious allergic reaction†	[Red bar from Hour 1 to Hour 2]				
Rash†		[Red bar from Day 1 to Day 2]			
Nausea 7% chance	[Red bar from Hour 1 to Hour 2]				
Headache 13% chance		[Red bar from Day 1 to Day 2]			

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Avoid having sex until vaginal yeast infection has cleared.
- Finish the full course of treatment even if you start to feel better. Stopping too soon may cause the infection to come back.
- Can make birth control pills less effective. Make sure to use another method (condoms, diaphragms) of birth control.
- Can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and headache.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Liver disease

Some people on Diflucan (fluconazole) have suffered liver damage sometimes to the point of liver transplant. This has been rare, and only happened when people are taking this for an extended amount of time. If you notice yellowing of the eyes or skin, dark urine, or abdominal pain, talk to your doctor.

Serious immediate allergic reaction

Some people have had immediate allergic reactions involving shortness of breath, swelling in face and throat, and drop in blood pressure. However, this is very rare.

Skin rash

People taking Diflucan (fluconazole) can get a severe skin rash that can require hospitalization or can cause death. This is rare. Talk to your doctor immediately if you suddenly develop a severe blistering skin rash with fever.