

Ertaczo (sertaconazole) basics

Treats fungal infections on the skin. Ertaczo (sertaconazole) works well for fungal infections of the skin. However, it's not available as a generic and thus can be expensive.

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
Ertaczo (sertaconazole) Drug effectiveness	[Blue gradient bar from Hours to Weeks]				
Possible side effects†	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Skin rash	[Red gradient bar from Hours to Weeks]				
Dry skin		[Red gradient bar from Days to Weeks]			
Burning skin	[Red gradient bar from Hours to Weeks]				
Application site skin tenderness	[Red gradient bar from Hours to Weeks]				

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Wash your hands thoroughly before and after use of Ertaczo (sertaconazole). Do not wash your hands after use if putting this on your hand.
- Clean the affected area before use and make sure to dry it well. Put a thin layer of Ertaczo (sertaconazole) on the affected skin and rub it in gently. After application of this medication, do not use covering, such as bandages, dressings, make-up, unless advised by your doctor.
- Do not take this drug by mouth. Use on your skin only and keep out of your mouth, nose, and eyes (exposure to these areas may burn).
- Keep using this drug as you have been told by your doctor, even if your symptoms begin to improve.
- To gain the most benefit, do not miss a dose. Put on a missed dose as soon as you think about it. If it is close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your normal routine.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

For external use only

Ertaczo (sertaconazole) is for use on the skin only. Avoid getting Ertaczo (sertaconazole) in your eyes, mouth, genitals and rectum. Be careful when applying Ertaczo (sertaconazole) on the face.

Local skin reaction

You can experience a local reaction on your skin when using Ertaczo (sertaconazole). If you have had a reaction or sensitivity to an azole antifungal medication in the past, be sure to tell your doctor before starting treatment with Ertaczo (sertaconazole). Contact your doctor immediately if you notice a skin irritation develop.