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Package Leaflet Information for the User

Merazol 2% Shampoo

(Ketoconazole)

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.

Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse

What is in this leaflet

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1. WHAT MERAZOL SHAMPOO IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

The name of your medicine is Merazol 2% Shampoo. It is called ‘Merazol Shampoo’ in this leaflet. Merazol shampoo contains an ingredient called ketoconazole. This belongs to a group of medicines called ‘antifungals’. Like other shampoos, it also contains ingredients to clean your hair. Merazol shampoo is used for fungal infections on the scalp such as:

- Dandruff
- dry or greasy scaling of the scalp and other parts of the body called ‘seborrhoeic dermatitis’

These conditions can be itchy. They are caused by a fungus (yeast) called ‘Malassezia’. This fungus is found on everyone’s skin, but sometimes it can overgrow and cause problems. Merazol shampoo works by killing the fungus and stopping it from coming back.

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU USE MERAZOL SHAMPOO

Do not use Merazol Shampoo if you

- are **allergic** to ketoconazole, other antifungals or to any of the other ingredients in the shampoo (listed in section 6)

Do not use this medicine if the above applies to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using this medicine if:

- You use a lotion or cream on your hair that contains a steroid, such as betamethasone or hydrocortisone:
- You should use less and less of the lotion or cream during the first 2 to 3 weeks of Merazol Shampoo treatment.
- This will stop your condition flaring up while Merazol Shampoo starts to work.

If you have any questions about stopping your steroid lotion or cream, ask your doctor or pharmacist

Other medicines and Merazol Shampoo

Merazol Shampoo does not normally react with other medicines. However, please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines including medicines you buy without a prescription and herbal medicines.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Merazol Shampoo can be used if you are pregnant or breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine if you are pregnant or breast-feeding.

Driving and using machines

Merazol Shampoo is not likely to affect you being able to drive or use any tools or machines

3. HOW TO USE MERAZOL SHAMPOO

Always use Merazol Shampoo exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Merazol Shampoo is for use on your hair and scalp only. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Merazol Shampoo is for use in adolescents and adults and is not recommended for use in infants and children. Merazol Shampoo is for external use only and **should not be tasted or swallowed.**

How often you should use Merazol Shampoo

For dandruff or greasy scaling of the skin

- Start by using the shampoo twice a week.
- You should use it every 3 or 4 days for 2 to 4 weeks.
- You should then use the shampoo once every 1 to 2 weeks to stop the symptoms coming back.
- Do not use the shampoo more often than your doctor has told you.

How to use Merazol Shampoo

- Shake the bottle well.
- Apply the shampoo onto the hair or infected areas of skin
- Usually, a palmful of shampoo suffices for one wash.
- Leave it on for 3 to 5 minutes, then rinse thoroughly.


If Merazol Shampoo gets in your eyes

Gently bathe your eyes in cold water

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Using normal shampoo

- If you need to wash your hair between treatments, use a normal shampoo.
- If your hair is very thick or long, you can wash it with your usual shampoo and then use Ketoconazole Shampoo.

If you swallow the shampoo by mistake

If you accidentally swallow Merazol Shampoo, contact a doctor, pharmacist or your nearest casualty department for advice at once.

If you forget to use Merazol Shampoo

Do not worry if you forget to use the shampoo. Continue with it as soon as you remember.

Do not use the shampoo twice to make up for a missed treatment.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines Merazol Shampoo can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Stop using Merazol Shampoo and tell your doctor straight away if you notice or suspect any of the following. You may need urgent medical treatment:

- Allergic reaction, swelling of the face, lips, mouth, tongue or throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing. This can affect fewer than 1 in 1000 people.
- Severe irritation or reddening of the skin where the shampoo has been used, or other signs of allergy during the first few days of treatment. This can affect fewer than 1 in 100 people.
- Peeling or blistering of the skin. This can affect fewer than 1 in 1000 people.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice or suspect any of the following side effects:

Uncommon side effects (affects fewer than 1 in 100 people)

- Infection of the hair roots
- Increase in production of tears
- Unusual hair loss or thinning
- Dry skin, rash, burning feeling
- Changes in how your hair feels

Rare side effects (affects fewer than 1 in 1000 people)

- Taste impairment
- Irritation of the eyes
- Acne
- Flaking skin

The following side effects have been reported, however the precise frequency cannot be identified and therefore how often they occur is classed as unknown:

- Hives (also known as nettle rash or urticaria)
- Hair colour changes

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

You can also report side effects directly via the national reporting Yellow Card Scheme Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine

5. HOW TO STORE MERAZOL SHAMPOO

Always keep Merazol Shampoo in a safe place out of the sight and reach of children, preferably in a locked cupboard.

Keep the shampoo in its original container at normal room temperature. (Do not store above 25°C.)

Do not use after the expiry date shown on the bottle or carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment

6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

What Merazol Shampoo contains

The active ingredient (which makes the shampoo work) is Ketoconazole. Each gram of shampoo contains 20 milligrams of Ketoconazole.

The shampoo also contains: sodium laureth sulphate, disodium laureth sulphosuccinate, PEG-120 methyl glucose diolate, PEG-7-glycerol cocoate, imidurea, lauryldimonium hydroxypropyl hydrolysed collagen, cocamide DEA, sodium hydroxide, sodium chloride, erythrosine (E127), concentrated hydrochloric acid and purified water.

Pack sizes: Merazol Shampoo is available from your pharmacist in bottles of 60, 80, 100 or 120ml*.

* Not all pack sizes may be marketed

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