

## **KETOCONAZOLE- ketoconazole cream** **NORTHSTAR RX LLC**

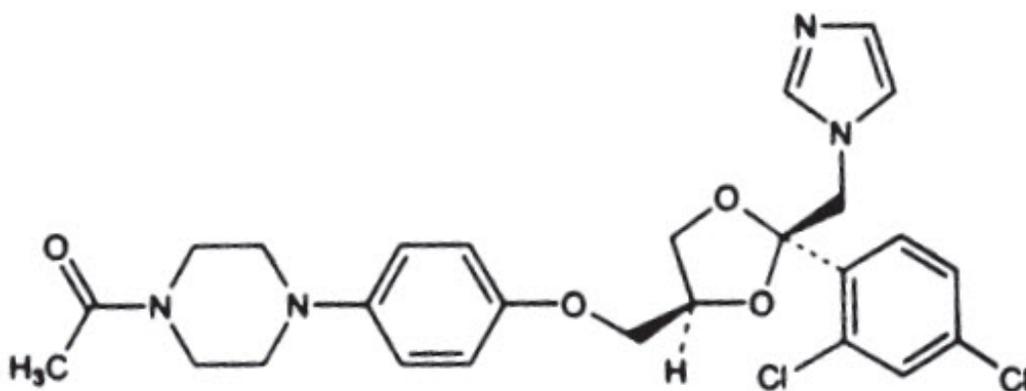
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**Ketoconazole**  
**Cream, 2%**

**Rx only**

### **DESCRIPTION**

Ketoconazole cream, 2% contains the broad-spectrum synthetic antifungal agent, ketoconazole 2%, formulated in an aqueous cream vehicle consisting of butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), cetyl alcohol, isopropyl myristate, polysorbate 60, polysorbate 80, propylene glycol, purified water, sorbitan monostearate and stearyl alcohol.

Ketoconazole is *cis*-1-acetyl-4-[4-[[2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(1*H*-imidazol-1-ylmethyl)-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]methoxy]phenyl] piperazine and has the following structural formula:



Molecular Formula: C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

Molecular Weight: 531.43

### **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

When ketoconazole cream, 2% was applied dermally to intact or abraded skin of beagle dogs for 28 consecutive days at a dose of 80 mg, there were no detectable plasma levels using an assay method having a lower detection limit of 2 ng/mL.

After a single topical application to the chest, back and arms of normal volunteers, systemic absorption of ketoconazole was not detected at the 5 ng/mL level in blood over a 72-hour period.

Two dermal irritancy studies, a human sensitization test, a phototoxicity study and a photoallergy study conducted in 38 male and 62 female volunteers showed no contact sensitization of the delayed hypersensitivity type, no irritation, no phototoxicity and no photoallergenic potential due to ketoconazole cream, 2%.

## **Microbiology**

Ketoconazole is a broad spectrum synthetic antifungal agent which inhibits the *in vitro* growth of the following common dermatophytes and yeasts by altering the permeability of the cell membrane: dermatophytes: *Trichophyton rubrum*, *T. mentagrophytes*, *T. tonsurans*, *Microsporum canis*, *M. audouini*, *M. gypseum* and *Epidermophyton floccosum*; yeasts: *Candida albicans*, *Malassezia ovale* (*Pityrosporum ovale*) and *C. tropicalis*; and the organism responsible for tinea versicolor, *Malassezia furfur* (*Pityrosporum orbiculare*). Only those organisms listed in the **INDICATIONS AND USAGE** section have been proven to be clinically affected. Development of resistance to ketoconazole has not been reported.

## **Mode of Action**

*In vitro* studies suggest that ketoconazole impairs the synthesis of ergosterol, which is a vital component of fungal cell membranes. It is postulated that the therapeutic effect of ketoconazole in seborrheic dermatitis is due to the reduction of *M. ovale*, but this has not been proven.

## **INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

Ketoconazole cream, 2% is indicated for the topical treatment of tinea corporis, tinea cruris and tinea pedis caused by *Trichophyton rubrum*, *T. mentagrophytes* and *Epidermophyton floccosum*; in the treatment of tinea (pityriasis) versicolor caused by *Malassezia furfur* (*Pityrosporum orbiculare*); in the treatment of cutaneous candidiasis caused by *Candida spp.* and in the treatment of seborrheic dermatitis.

## **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Ketoconazole cream, 2% is contraindicated in persons who have shown hypersensitivity to the active or excipient ingredients of this formulation.

## **WARNINGS**

Ketoconazole cream, 2% is not for ophthalmic use.

## **PRECAUTIONS**

### **General**

If a reaction suggesting sensitivity or chemical irritation should occur, use of the medication should be discontinued. Hepatitis (1:10,000 reported incidence) and, at high doses, lowered testosterone and ACTH induced corticosteroid serum levels have been seen with orally administered ketoconazole; these effects have not been seen with topical ketoconazole.

### **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

A long-term feeding study in Swiss Albino mice and in Wistar rats showed no evidence of oncogenic activity. The dominant lethal mutation test in male and female mice revealed

that single oral doses of ketoconazole as high as 80 mg/kg produced no mutation in any stage of germ cell development. The Ames' *salmonella* microsomal activator assay was also negative.

## **Pregnancy:**

### **Teratogenic effects:**

#### ***Pregnancy Category C:***

Ketoconazole has been shown to be teratogenic (syndactylia and oligodactylia) in the rat when given orally in the diet at 80 mg/kg/day, (10 times the maximum recommended human oral dose). However, these effects may be related to maternal toxicity, which was seen at this and higher dose levels.

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Ketoconazole should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

### **Nursing Mothers**

It is not known whether ketoconazole cream, 2% administered topically could result in sufficient systemic absorption to produce detectable quantities in breast milk. Nevertheless, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

### **Pediatric Use**

Safety and effectiveness in children have not been established.

## **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

During clinical trials 45 (5.0%) of 905 patients treated with ketoconazole cream, 2% and 5 (2.4%) of 208 patients treated with placebo reported side effects consisting mainly of severe irritation, pruritus and stinging. One of the patients treated with ketoconazole cream developed a painful allergic reaction.

In worldwide postmarketing experience, rare reports of contact dermatitis have been associated with ketoconazole cream or one of its excipients, namely propylene glycol.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Northstar RxLLC at 1-800-206-7821 and/or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

## **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **Cutaneous candidiasis, tinea corporis, tinea cruris, tinea pedis, and tinea (pityriasis) versicolor**

It is recommended that ketoconazole cream, 2% be applied once daily to cover the affected and immediate surrounding area. Clinical improvement may be seen fairly soon after treatment is begun; however, candidal infections and tinea cruris and corporis should be treated for two weeks in order to reduce the possibility of recurrence.

Patients with tinea versicolor usually require two weeks of treatment. Patients with tinea pedis require six weeks of treatment.

### **Seborrheic dermatitis**

Ketoconazole cream, 2% should be applied to the affected area twice daily for four weeks or until clinical clearing.

If a patient shows no clinical improvement after the treatment period, the diagnosis should be redetermined.

### **HOW SUPPLIED**

Ketoconazole cream, 2% is supplied in 15 g (NDC 16714-955-01), 30 g (NDC 16714-955-02), and 60 g (NDC 16714-955-03) tubes.

**Store at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F)** [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].

Manufactured for: Northstar RxLLC, Memphis, TN 38141.

Toll Free: 1-800-206-7821

Manufactured by: Sun Pharma Canada Inc., Brampton, Ontario, Canada L6T 1C1.

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### **PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL - 30 g Tube Carton**

NDC 16714-955-02

Rx only

Ketoconazole Cream 2%

FOR DERMATOLOGIC USE ONLY.

NOT FOR OPHTHALMIC USE.

NORTHSTARX™

30 g

Keep this and all medications out of the reach of children.  
Each gram contains: Ketoconazole 20 mg, butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), cetyl alcohol, isopropyl myristate, polysorbate 60, polysorbate 80, propylene glycol, purified water, sorbitan monostearate and stearyl alcohol.  
Usual dosage: See package insert for full prescribing information.  
Store at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].  
For lot number and expiry date see flap of carton and/or crimp of tube.

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## Ketoconazole Cream

**2%**

FOR DERMATOLOGIC USE ONLY. NOT FOR OPHTHALMIC USE.

**NORTHSTAR** 30 g

NO VARNISH/NO AQ  
NO COPY / NO COLOR  
THIS FLAP FOR LOT #  
AND EXP DATE PRINT

**Directions for puncturing tube seal:** Remove cap. Turn cap upside down and place puncture tip onto tube. Push cap until tube end is punctured. Screw cap back on to reseal tube.

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Manufactured by: Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc.  
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## KETOCONAZOLE

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### Product Information

<b>Product Type</b>	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	<b>Item Code (Source)</b>	NDC:16714-955
<b>Route of Administration</b>	TOPICAL		

### Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength
KETOCONAZOLE (UNII: R9400W927I) (KETOCONAZOLE - UNII:R9400W927I)	KETOCONAZOLE	20 mg in 1 g

### Inactive Ingredients

Ingredient Name	Strength
BUTYLATED HYDROXYANISOLE (UNII: REK4960K2U)	
CETYL ALCOHOL (UNII: 936JST6JCN)	
ISOPROPYL MYRISTATE (UNII: 0RE8K4LNJS)	
POLYSORBATE 60 (UNII: CAL22UVI4M)	
POLYSORBATE 80 (UNII: 6OZP39ZG8H)	
PROPYLENE GLYCOL (UNII: 6DC9Q167V3)	

<b>WATER</b> (UNII: 059QF0KO0R)	
<b>SORBITAN MONOSTEARATE</b> (UNII: NVZ4I0H58X)	
<b>STEARYL ALCOHOL</b> (UNII: 2KR89I4H1Y)	

### Product Characteristics

<b>Color</b>	white (white to off white)	<b>Score</b>	
<b>Shape</b>		<b>Size</b>	
<b>Flavor</b>		<b>Imprint Code</b>	
<b>Contains</b>			

### Packaging

#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
1	NDC:16714-955-01	1 in 1 CARTON	04/25/2019	
1		15 g in 1 TUBE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
2	NDC:16714-955-02	1 in 1 CARTON	04/25/2019	
2		30 g in 1 TUBE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		
3	NDC:16714-955-03	1 in 1 CARTON	04/25/2019	
3		60 g in 1 TUBE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product		

### Marketing Information

Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
ANDA	ANDA075638	12/18/2002	

**Labeler** - NORTHSTAR RX LLC (830546433)

### Establishment

Name	Address	ID/FEI	Business Operations
Sun Pharma Canada Inc.		243339023	manufacture(16714-955)

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