

Posaconazole

Description

Posaconazole (also called Noxafil[®]) is used to prevent and treat fungal infections. It is available as a cherry-flavored liquid suspension to be taken by mouth.

Possible side effects

Early

- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Stomach pain

Later

- Rash
- Changes in liver function
- Low potassium level; Signs include feeling tired and weak, numbness or tingling, muscle cramps, constipation, vomiting, or fast heartbeat
- Possible changes in heart rhythms (irregular heart beat)

These are the most common side effects, but there may be others. Please report all side effects to the doctor or nurse right away.

In case of severe side effect or reaction, call the doctor, nurse, or pharmacist at 595-3300. If you are outside the Memphis area, dial toll free 1-866-2STJUDE (1-866-278-5833), and press 0 once the call is connected.

Special instructions

- **Always take this medicine with a high fat meal.** Tell your doctor if you are unable to eat full meals. This medicine is not effective without food.
- Avoid grapefruit and grapefruit juice.
- Posaconazole and many other medicines can interact with each other, sometimes causing serious side effects. These include:
 - Migraine medicines called ergot alkaloids;
 - Cimetidine;

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- Phenytoin;
 - Cholesterol lowering medicines called statins;
 - Blood pressure medicines called calcium channel blockers;
 - Cyclosporine, tacrolimus, sirolimus, and
 - Quinidine.
- Always give a complete list of medicines you are taking to your doctor or pharmacist. Check with your doctor or pharmacist before starting any new vitamins, herbals or other medicines.
 - Posaconazole should be stored at room temperature.
 - Keep this and all medicine out of the reach of children and pets.

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