

POSAZONAZOLE-posaconazole tablet, delayed release

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use POSAZONAZOLE DELAYED-RELEASE TABLETS safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for POSAZONAZOLE DELAYED-RELEASE TABLETS.

POSAZONAZOLE delayed-release tablets, for oral use

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RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

Indications and Usage (1)
Dosage and Administration (2)
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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Posaconazole is an azole antifungal indicated as follows:

- Posaconazole is indicated for the prophylaxis of invasive *Aspergillus* and *Candida* infections in patients who are at high risk of developing these infections due to being severely immunocompromised, such as hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) recipients with graft-versus-host disease (GVHD) or those with hematologic malignancies with prolonged neutropenia from chemotherapy as follows: (1.2)

• **Posaconazole delayed-release tablets:** adults and pediatric patients 13 years of age and older.

---**DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION**---

- **Noxafil® oral suspension** is not substitutable with **posaconazole delayed-release tablets** or **Noxafil® PowderMix for delayed-release oral suspension** due to the differences in the dosing of each formulation.

• **Administer posaconazole delayed-release tablets** with or without food. (2.1)

Table 1. Recommended Dose in Adult Patients and Pediatric Patients Aged 13 Years and Older

Indication	Dosage Form, Dose, and Duration
Prophylaxis of invasive <i>Aspergillus</i> and <i>Candida</i> infections	Posaconazole Delayed-Release Tablets: Loading dose: 300 mg (three 100 mg delayed-release tablets) twice a day on the first day. Maintenance dose: 300 mg (three 100 mg delayed-release tablets) once a day, starting on the second day. Duration of therapy is based on recovery from neutropenia or immunosuppression. (2.2, 2.3)
	Posaconazole delayed-release tablets: 100 mg (3)
--- CONTRAINDICATIONS ---	• Known hypersensitivity to posaconazole or other azole antifungal agents. (4.1)
	• Coadministration of posaconazole with the following drugs is contraindicated: posaconazole increases concentrations and toxicities of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sildenafil (4.2.5, 7.1)• CYP3A4 substrates (pazopamide, quinidine) as result of its effect on CYP3A4-mediated metabolism.• HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors (statins) primarily metabolized through CYP3A4 (4.4, 7.3)• Ergot alkaloids (4.5, 7.4)
--- WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS ---	• Calciuretic Inhibitor Toxicity: posaconazole increases concentrations of cyclosporine or tacrolimus and monitor concentrations frequently. (5.1)
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2.5 Administration Instructions for Posaconazole Delayed-Release Tablets

• Swallow tablets whole. Do not divide, crush, or chew.
• Administer posaconazole delayed-release tablets with or without food. [See *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

2.7 **Non-substitutability between Noxafil® Oral Suspension and Other Formulations**
Noxafil® oral suspension is not substitutable with posaconazole delayed-release tablets or Noxafil® PowderMix for delayed-release oral suspension due to the differences in the dosing of each formulation.

2.9 **Dosage Adjustments in Patients with Renal Impairment**
The pharmacokinetics of posaconazole delayed-release tablets are not significantly affected by renal impairment. Therefore, no adjustment is necessary for oral dosing in patients with mild to severe renal impairment.

3 **DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**
Posaconazole delayed-release tablets, 100 mg are available as yellow, oval shaped, film coated tablets debossed with "13" on one side and "23" on the other side.

4 **CONTRAINDICATIONS**
4.1 **Hypersensitivity**
Posaconazole is contraindicated in persons with known hypersensitivity to posaconazole or other azole antifungal agents.

4.2 **Use with Siroliimus**
Posaconazole is contraindicated with siroliimus. Concomitant administration of posaconazole with siroliimus increases the siroliimus blood concentrations by approximately 9-fold and can result in siroliimus toxicity. [See *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2) and *Drug Interactions* (7.3)].

4.3 **QT Prolongation with Concomitant Use with CYP3A4 Substrates**
Posaconazole is contraindicated with CYP3A4 substrates that prolong the QT interval. Concomitant administration of posaconazole with CYP3A4 substrates, pimozide and quinidine may result in increased plasma concentrations of these drugs, leading to QT prolongation and cases of torsades de pointes. [See *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2) and *Drug Interactions* (7.2)].

4.4 **HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors Primarily Metabolized Through CYP3A4**
Concomitant administration of the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors that are primarily metabolized through CYP3A4 (e.g., atorvastatin, lovastatin, and simvastatin) is contraindicated since increased plasma concentration of these drugs may result in myopathy. [See *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2) and *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

4.5 **Use with Ergot Alkaloids**
Posaconazole may increase the plasma concentrations of ergot alkaloids (ergotamine and dihydroergotamine) which may lead to ergotism. [See *Drug Interactions* (7.4)].

4.6 **Use with Venetoclax**
Coadministration of posaconazole with venetoclax at initiation and during the ramp-up phase is contraindicated in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL) due to the potential for increased risk of tumor lysis syndrome. [See *Warnings and Precautions* (5.10) and *Drug Interactions* (7.16)].

5 **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**
5.1 **Calciuretic-Inhibitor Toxicity**
Concomitant administration of posaconazole with cyclosporine or tacrolimus increases the whole blood trough concentrations of these calciuretic-inhibitors. [See *Drug Interactions* (7.1) and *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)]. Nephrotoxicity and leukoencephalopathy (including deaths) have been reported in clinical efficacy studies in patients with elevated cyclosporine or tacrolimus concentrations. Frequent monitoring of tacrolimus or cyclosporine whole blood trough concentrations should be performed during and at discontinuation of posaconazole treatment and the tacrolimus or cyclosporine dose adjusted accordingly.

5.2 **Arrhythmias and QT Prolongation**
Some azoles, including posaconazole, have been associated with prolongation of the QT interval on the electrocardiogram. In addition, cases of torsades de pointes have been reported in patients taking posaconazole. Results from a multiple time-matched ECG analysis in healthy volunteers did not show any increase in the mean of the QTc interval. Multiple, time-matched ECGs collected over a 12-hour period were recorded at baseline and during treatment from 13 healthy male and female volunteers (18-65 years of age) administered Noxafil® oral suspension 400 mg twice daily with a high-fat meal. In this pooled analysis, the mean QTc (Friedrich) interval change from baseline was <5 msec following administration of the recommended clinical dose. A decrease in the QTc(F) interval (~3 msec) was also observed in a small number of subjects (<16) administered placebo. The placebo-adjusted mean maximum QTc(F) interval change from baseline was <1-msec (~8 msec). No clinically significant changes were observed in the QTc(F) interval >500 msec or an increase >50 msec in their QTc(F) interval from baseline.

5.3 **Electrolyte Disturbances**
Electrolyte disturbances, especially those involving potassium, magnesium or calcium levels, should be monitored and corrected as necessary before and during posaconazole therapy.

5.4 **Hepatic Toxicity**
Hepatic reactions (e.g., mild to moderate elevations in alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), alkaline phosphatase, and/or clinical hepatitis) have been reported in clinical trials. The elevations in liver tests were generally reversible on discontinuation of therapy, and in some instances these tests normalized without drug interruption. Cases of more severe hepatic reactions including cholestatic or hepatic failure including deaths have been reported in patients with serious underlying medical conditions (e.g., hematologic malignancy) during treatment with posaconazole. These severe hepatic reactions were seen primarily in subjects receiving the Noxafil® oral suspension 800 mg daily (400 mg twice daily or 200 mg four times a day) in clinical trials.

5.5 **Midazolam Impairment**
Due to the variability in exposure with posaconazole delayed-release tablets, Noxafil® oral suspension, and Noxafil® PowderMix for delayed-release oral suspension, patients with severe renal impairment should be monitored closely for adverse effects associated with high plasma concentrations of posaconazole. [See *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2) and *Drug Interactions* (7.3)].

5.6 **Midazolam Toxicity**
Concomitant administration of posaconazole with midazolam increases the midazolam plasma concentrations by approximately 5-fold. Increased plasma midazolam concentrations could potentiate and prolong hypnotic and sedative effects. Patients must be monitored closely for adverse effects associated with high plasma concentrations of midazolam and benzodiazepine receptor antagonists must be available to reverse these effects. [See *Drug Interactions* (7.5) and *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

5.7 **Vincristine Toxicity**
Concomitant administration of azole antifungals, including posaconazole, with vincristine has been associated with neurotoxicity and other serious adverse reactions, including seizures, peripheral neuropathy, syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion, and paralytic ileus. Reserve azole antifungals, including posaconazole, for patients receiving a vinca alkaloid, including vincristine, who have no alternative antifungal treatment options. [See *Drug Interactions* (7.10)].

5.8 **Breakthrough Fungal Infections**
Patients who have severe diarrhea or vomiting should be monitored closely for breakthrough fungal infections when receiving posaconazole delayed-release tablets.

5.9 **Venetoclax Toxicity**
Concomitant administration of posaconazole, a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor, with venetoclax may increase venetoclax toxicities, including the risk of tumor lysis syndrome (TLS), neutropenia, and serious infections. In patients with CLL/SLL, administration of posaconazole during initiation and the ramp-up phase of venetoclax is contraindicated. [See *Contraindications* (4.6)]. Refer to the venetoclax labeling for safety monitoring and dose reduction in the steady daily dosing phase in CLL/SLL patients.

For patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML), dose reduction and safety monitoring are recommended across all dosing phases when coadministering posaconazole with venetoclax. [See *Drug Interactions* (7.16)]. Refer to the venetoclax prescribing information for dosing instructions.

6 **ADVERSE REACTIONS**
The following serious and otherwise important adverse reactions are discussed in detail in another section of this labeling:
Hypersensitivity [See *Contraindications* (4.1)]
Arrhythmias and QT Prolongation [See *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)]
Hepatic Toxicity [See *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)]

6.1 **Clinical Trials Experience**
Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in clinical trials of posaconazole cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

6.2 **Postmarketing Experience**
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Specific Populations

No clinically significant differences in the pharmacokinetics of posaconazole were observed based on age, sex, renal impairment, and indication.

Race/Ethnicity:

In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of posaconazole, AUC was found to be 25% higher in Chinese patients relative to patients from other races/ethnicities. This higher exposure is not expected to be clinically relevant given the expected variability in posaconazole exposure.

Patients Weighing More Than 120 kg:

Weight has a clinically significant effect on posaconazole clearance. Relative to 70 kg patients, the C_{av} is decreased by 25% in patients greater than 120 kg. Patients administered posaconazole weighing more than 120 kg may be at higher risk for lower posaconazole plasma concentrations compared to lower weight patients (see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.10)).

Pediatric Patients

A total of 12 patients 13 to 17 years of age received 600 mg/day (200 mg three times a day) of Noxafil® oral suspension for prophylaxis of invasive fungal infections. Based on pharmacokinetic data in 10 of these pediatric patients, the mean steady-state C_{av} was similar between these patients and adults (>18 years of age). In a study of 138 neutropenic pediatric patients 11 months to less than 18 years treated with Noxafil® oral suspension, the exposure target of steady-state posaconazole C_{av} between 500 ng/mL and less than 2500 ng/mL was attained in approximately 50% of patients instead of the pre-specified 90% of patients.

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12.4 Microbiology

Mechanism of Action:

Posaconazole blocks the synthesis of ergosterol, a key component of the fungal cell membrane, through the inhibition of cytochrome P-450 dependent enzyme lanosterol 14α-demethylase responsible for the conversion of lanosterol to ergosterol in the fungal cell membrane. This results in an accumulation of methylated sterol precursors and a depletion of ergosterol in the cell membrane thus altering the structure and function of the fungal cell membrane. This may be responsible for the antifungal activity of posaconazole.

Resistance:

Clinical isolates of *Candida albicans* and *Candida glabrata* with decreased susceptibility to posaconazole were observed in oral swish samples taken during prophylaxis with posaconazole and fluconazole, suggesting a potential for development of resistance. These isolates also showed reduced susceptibility to other azoles, suggesting cross-resistance between azoles. The clinical significance of this finding is not known.

Antimicrobial Activity:

Posaconazole has been shown to be active against most isolates of the following microorganisms, both in vitro and in clinical infections (see Indications and Usage (1)).

Microorganisms:

Aspergillus spp. and *Candida* spp.

Susceptibility Testing:

For specific information regarding susceptibility test interpretive criteria and associated test methods and quality control standards recognized by FDA for this drug, please see: <https://www.fda.gov/STC>.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenesis

No drug-related neoplasms were recorded in rats or mice treated with posaconazole for 2 years at doses higher than the clinical dose. In a 2-year carcinogenicity study, rats were given posaconazole orally at doses up to 20 mg/kg (females), or 30 mg/kg (males). These doses are equivalent to 3.9- or 3.5-times the exposure achieved with a 400 mg twice daily oral suspension regimen, respectively, based on steady-state AUC in healthy volunteers administered a high-fat meal (400 mg twice daily oral suspension regimen). In the mouse study, mice were treated at oral doses up to 60 mg/kg/day or 4-times the exposure achieved with a 400 mg twice daily oral suspension regimen.

Mutagenesis

Posaconazole was not genotoxic or clastogenic when evaluated in bacterial mutagenicity (Ames), a chromosome aberration study in human peripheral blood lymphocytes, a Chinese hamster ovary cell mutagenicity study, and a mouse bone marrow micronucleus study.

Impairment of Fertility

Posaconazole had no effect on fertility of male rats at a dose up to 180 mg/kg (1.7 x the 400 mg twice daily oral suspension regimen based on steady-state plasma concentration) or female rats at a dose up to 45 mg/kg (2.2 x the 400 mg twice daily oral suspension regimen).

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

In a nonclinical study using intravenous administration of posaconazole in very young dogs (dosed from 2 to 8 weeks of age), an increase in the incidence of brain ventricle enlargement was observed in treated animals as compared with concurrent control animals. No difference in the incidence of brain ventricle enlargement between control and treated animals was observed following the subsequent 5-month treatment-free period. There were no neurologic, behavioral or developmental abnormalities in the dogs with this finding, and a similar brain finding was not seen with oral posaconazole administration to juvenile dogs (4 days to 9 months of age). There were no drug-related increases in the incidence of brain ventricle enlargement when treated and control animals were compared in a separate study of 10-week old dogs dosed with intravenous posaconazole for 13 weeks with a 5-week recovery period or a follow-up study of 31-week old dogs dosed for 3 months.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.2 Prophylaxis of *Aspergillus* and *Candida* Infections with Noxafil® Oral Suspension

Two randomized, controlled studies were conducted using posaconazole as prophylaxis for the prevention of invasive fungal infections (IFIs) among patients at high risk due to severely compromised immune systems.

The first study (Noxafil® Oral Suspension Study 1) was a randomized, double-blind trial that compared Noxafil® oral suspension (200 mg three times a day) with fluconazole capsules (400 mg once daily) as prophylaxis against invasive fungal infections in allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) recipients with Graft versus Host Disease (GVHD). Efficacy of prophylaxis was evaluated using a composite endpoint of proven/probable IFIs, death, or treatment with systemic antifungal therapy (patients may have met more than one of these criteria). This assessed all patients while on study therapy plus 7 days and at 16 weeks post-randomization. The mean duration of therapy was comparable between the 2 treatment groups (90 days, Noxafil® oral suspension; 77 days, fluconazole). **Table 32** contains the results from Noxafil® Oral Suspension Study 1.

Table 32: Results from Blinded Clinical Study in Prophylaxis of IFI in All Randomized Patients with Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT) and Graft-vs.-Host Disease (GVHD): Noxafil® Oral Suspension Study 1

	Posaconazole n=301	Fluconazole n=299
On therapy plus 7 days		
Clinical Failure*	50 (17%)	55 (18%)
Failure due to:		
Proven/Probable IFI	7 (2%)	22 (7%)
(<i>Aspergillus</i>)	3 (1%)	17 (6%)
(<i>Candida</i>)	1 (<1%)	3 (1%)
(Other)	3 (1%)	2 (1%)
All Deaths	22 (7%)	24 (8%)
Proven/probable fungal infection prior to death	2 (<1%)	6 (2%)
SAF†	27 (9%)	25 (8%)
Through 16 weeks		
Clinical Failure‡	99 (33%)	110 (37%)
Failure due to:		
Proven/Probable IFI	16 (5%)	27 (9%)
(<i>Aspergillus</i>)	7 (2%)	21 (7%)
(<i>Candida</i>)	4 (1%)	4 (1%)
(Other)	5 (2%)	2 (1%)
All Deaths	58 (19%)	59 (20%)
Proven/probable fungal infection prior to death	10 (3%)	16 (5%)
SAF‡	26 (9%)	30 (10%)
Event free lost to follow-up§	24 (8%)	30 (10%)

* Patients may have met more than one criterion defining failure.

† Use of systemic antifungal therapy (SAF) criterion is based on protocol definitions (empiric/IFI usage >4 consecutive days).

‡ 95% confidence interval (posaconazole-fluconazole) = (-11.5%, +3.7%).

§ Patients who are lost to follow-up (not observed for 112 days), and who did not meet another clinical failure endpoint. These patients were considered failures.

The second study (Noxafil® Oral Suspension Study 2) was a randomized, open-label study that compared Noxafil® oral suspension (200 mg 3 times a day) with fluconazole suspension (400 mg once daily) or itraconazole oral solution (200 mg twice a day) as prophylaxis against IFIs in neutropenic patients who were receiving cytotoxic chemotherapy for AML or MDS. As in Noxafil® Oral Suspension Study 1, efficacy of prophylaxis was evaluated using a composite endpoint of proven/probable IFIs, death, or treatment with systemic antifungal therapy (Patients might have met more than one of these criteria). This study assessed patients while on treatment plus 7 days and 100 days postrandomization. The mean duration of therapy was comparable between the 2 treatment groups (29 days, posaconazole; 25 days, fluconazole or itraconazole). **Table 33** contains the results from Noxafil® Oral Suspension Study 2.

Table 33: Results from Open-Label Clinical Study 2 in Prophylaxis of IFI in All Randomized Patients with Hematologic Malignancy and Prolonged Neutropenia: Noxafil® Oral Suspension Study 2

	Posaconazole n=304	Fluconazole/Itraconazole n=298
On therapy plus 7 days		
Clinical Failure* †	82 (27%)	126 (42%)
Failure due to:		
Proven/Probable IFI	7 (2%)	25 (8%)
(<i>Aspergillus</i>)	2 (1%)	20 (7%)
(<i>Candida</i>)	3 (1%)	2 (1%)
(Other)	2 (1%)	3 (1%)
All Deaths	17 (6%)	25 (8%)
Proven/probable fungal infection prior to death	1 (<1%)	2 (1%)
SAF‡	67 (22%)	98 (33%)
Through 100 days postrandomization		
Clinical Failure†	158 (52%)	191 (64%)
Failure due to:		
Proven/Probable IFI	14 (5%)	33 (11%)
(<i>Aspergillus</i>)	2 (1%)	26 (9%)
(<i>Candida</i>)	10 (3%)	4 (1%)
(Other)	2 (1%)	3 (1%)
All Deaths	44 (14%)	64 (21%)
Proven/probable fungal infection prior to death	2 (1%)	16 (6%)
SAF‡	98 (32%)	125 (42%)
Event free lost to follow-up§	34 (11%)	24 (8%)

* 95% confidence interval (posaconazole-fluconazole/itraconazole) = (-22.9%, -7.8%).

† Patients may have met more than one criterion defining failure.

‡ Use of systemic antifungal therapy (SAF) criterion is based on protocol definitions (empiric/IFI usage >3 consecutive days).

§ Patients who are lost to follow-up (not observed for 100 days), and who did not meet another clinical failure endpoint. These patients were considered failures.

In summary, 2 clinical studies of prophylaxis were conducted with the Noxafil® oral suspension. As seen in the accompanying tables (**Tables 32 and 33**), clinical failure represented a composite endpoint of breakthrough IFI, mortality and use of systemic antifungal therapy. In Noxafil® Oral Suspension Study 1 (**Table 32**), the clinical failure rate of posaconazole (33%) was similar to fluconazole (37%), (95% CI for the difference posaconazole-comparator =-11.5% to 3.7%) while in Noxafil® Oral Suspension Study 2 (**Table 33**) clinical failure was lower for patients treated with posaconazole (27%) when compared to patients treated with fluconazole or itraconazole (42%), (95% CI for the difference posaconazole-comparator =-22.9% to -7.8%).

All-cause mortality was similar at 16 weeks for both treatment arms in Noxafil® Oral Suspension Study 1 (POS 58/201 (19%) vs. FLU 59/299 (20%)); all-cause mortality was lower at 100 days for posaconazole-treated patients in Noxafil® Oral Suspension Study 2 (POS 44/304 (14%) vs. FLU/ITZ 64/298 (21%)). Both studies demonstrated fewer breakthrough infections caused by *Aspergillus* species in patients receiving posaconazole prophylaxis when compared to patients receiving fluconazole or itraconazole.

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

16.1 How Supplied

Posaconazole delayed-release tablets, 100 mg are available as yellow, oval shaped, film coated tablets debossed with "13" on one side and "23" on the other side.

Bottles with child-resistant closures of 60 delayed-release tablets (NDC 72319-023-02).

16.2 Storage and Handling

Store at 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F); excursions permitted between 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F) (see USP Controlled Room Temperature).

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information).

Important Administration Instructions

Advise patients that posaconazole delayed-release tablets must be swallowed whole and not divided, crushed, or chewed.

Instruct patients that if they miss a dose, they should take it as soon as they remember. If they do not remember until it is within 12 hours of the next dose, they should be instructed to skip the missed dose and go back to the regular schedule. Patients should not double their next dose or take more than the prescribed dose.

Drug Interactions

Advise patients to inform their physician immediately if they:

- develop severe diarrhea or vomiting.
- are currently taking drugs that are known to prolong the QTc interval and are metabolized through CYP3A4.
- are currently taking a cyclosporine or tacrolimus, or they notice swelling in an arm or leg or shortness of breath.
- are taking other drugs or before they begin taking other drugs as certain drugs can decrease or increase the plasma concentrations of posaconazole.

Serious and Potentially Serious Adverse Reactions

Advise patients to inform their physician immediately if they:

- notice a change in heart rate or heart rhythm or have a heart condition or circulatory disease. Posaconazole delayed-release tablets can be administered with caution to patients with potentially proarrhythmic conditions.
- are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or are nursing.
- have liver disease or develop itching, nausea or vomiting, their eyes or skin turn yellow, they feel more tired than usual or feel like they have the flu.
- have ever had an allergic reaction to other antifungal medicines such as ketoconazole, fluconazole, itraconazole, or voriconazole.

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Patient Information Posaconazole (POE-sa-KON-a-zole) Delayed-Release Tablets

What are posaconazole delayed-release tablets?

Posaconazole delayed-release tablets are a prescription medicine used in adults and children 13 years of age and older to help prevent fungal infections that can spread throughout your body (invasive fungal infections). These infections are caused by fungi called *Aspergillus* or *Candida*. Posaconazole delayed-release tablets are used in people who have an increased chance of getting these infections due to a weak immune system. These include people who have had a hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (bone marrow transplant) with graft versus host disease or those with a low white blood cell count due to chemotherapy for blood cancers (hematologic malignancies).

Posaconazole delayed-release tablets are used for:

- prevention of fungal infections in adults and children 13 years of age and older.

It is not known if posaconazole delayed-release tablets are safe and effective in children under 2 years of age.

Who should not take posaconazole delayed-release tablets?

Do not take posaconazole delayed-release tablets if you:

- are allergic to posaconazole, any of the ingredients in posaconazole delayed-release tablets, or other azole antifungal medicines. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in posaconazole delayed-release tablets.
- are taking any of the following medicines:
 - sirolimus
 - pimozide
 - quinidine
 - certain statin medicines that lower cholesterol (atorvastatin, o lovastatin, simvastatin)
 - ergot alkaloids (ergotamine, dihydroergotamine)
- have chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL) and you have just started taking venetoclax or your venetoclax dose is being slowly increased.

Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you are not sure if you are taking any of these medicines.

Do not start taking a new medicine without talking to your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking posaconazole delayed-release tablets?

Before you take posaconazole delayed-release tablets, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- are taking certain medicines that lower your immune system like cyclosporine or tacrolimus.
- are taking certain drugs for HIV infection, such as ritonavir, atazanavir, efavirenz, or fosamprenavir. Efavirenz and fosamprenavir can cause a decrease in the posaconazole levels in your body. Efavirenz and fosamprenavir should not be taken with posaconazole delayed-release tablets.
- are taking midazolam, a hypnotic and sedative medicine.
- are taking vincristine, vinblastine and other "vinca alkaloids" (medicines used to treat cancer).
- are taking venetoclax, a medicine used to treat cancer.
- have or had liver problems.
- have or had kidney problems.
- have or had an abnormal heart rate or rhythm, heart problems, or blood circulation problems.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if posaconazole will harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if posaconazole passes into your breast milk. You and your healthcare provider should decide if you will take posaconazole delayed-release tablets or breastfeed. You should not do both.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Posaconazole delayed-release tablets can affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines can affect the way posaconazole delayed-release tablets work, and can cause serious side effects.

Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take:

- rifabutin or phenytoin. If you are taking these medicines, you should not take posaconazole delayed-release tablets.
- Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of these medicines if you are not sure. Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them with you to show your healthcare provider or pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How will I take posaconazole delayed-release tablets?

- **Do not switch between Noxafil® oral suspension and posaconazole delayed-release tablets or Noxafil® PowderMix for delayed-release oral suspension.**
- Take posaconazole delayed-release tablets exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take them.
- Your healthcare provider will tell you how many posaconazole delayed-release tablets to take and when to take them.
- Take posaconazole delayed-release tablets for as long as your healthcare provider tells you to take them.
- If you take too many posaconazole delayed-release tablets, call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.
- Take posaconazole delayed-release tablets with or without food.
- Take posaconazole delayed-release tablets whole. Do not break, crush, or chew posaconazole delayed-release tablets before swallowing. If you cannot swallow posaconazole delayed-release tablets whole, tell your healthcare provider. You may need a different medicine.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember and then take your next scheduled dose at its regular time. If it is within 12 hours of your next dose, do not take the missed dose. Skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not double your next dose or take more than your prescribed dose.

Follow the instructions from your healthcare provider on how many posaconazole delayed-release tablets you should take and when to take them.

What are the possible side effects of posaconazole delayed release tablets?

Posaconazole delayed-release tablets may cause serious side effects, including:

- **drug interactions with cyclosporine or tacrolimus.** If you take posaconazole delayed-release tablets with cyclosporine or tacrolimus, your blood levels of cyclosporine or tacrolimus may increase. Serious side effects can happen in your kidney or brain if you have high levels of cyclosporine or tacrolimus in your blood. Your healthcare provider should do blood tests to check your levels of cyclosporine or tacrolimus if you are taking these medicines while taking posaconazole delayed-release tablets. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have swelling in your arm or leg or shortness of breath.
- **problems with the electrical system of your heart (arrhythmias and QTc prolongation).** Certain medicines used to treat fungus called azoles, including posaconazole, the active ingredient in posaconazole delayed-release tablets, may cause heart rhythm problems. People who have certain heart problems or who take certain medicines have a higher chance for this problem. Tell your healthcare provider right away if your heartbeat becomes fast or irregular.
- **changes in body salt (electrolytes) levels in your blood.** Your healthcare provider should check your electrolytes while you are taking posaconazole delayed-release tablets.
- **liver problems.** Some people who also have other serious medical problems may have severe liver problems that may lead to death, especially if you take certain doses of posaconazole delayed-release tablets. Your healthcare provider should do blood tests to check your liver while you are taking posaconazole delayed-release tablets. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms of liver problems:
 - itchy skin
 - nausea or vomiting
 - yellowing of your eyes or skin
 - feeling very tired
 - flu-like symptoms

- **increased amounts of midazolam in your blood.** If you take posaconazole delayed-release tablets with midazolam, posaconazole increases the amount of midazolam in your blood. This can make your sleepiness last longer. Your healthcare provider should check you closely for side effects if you take midazolam with posaconazole delayed-release tablets.

The most common side effects of posaconazole delayed-release tablets in adults include:

- diarrhea
- nausea
- fever
- vomiting
- headache
- coughing
- low potassium levels in the blood

If you take posaconazole delayed-release tablets, tell your healthcare provider right away if you have diarrhea or vomiting.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects of posaconazole delayed-release tablets. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store posaconazole delayed-release tablets?

- Store posaconazole delayed-release tablets at room temperature between 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F).

Safely throw away medicine that is out of date or no longer needed. **Keep posaconazole delayed-release tablets and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

General information about the safe and effective use of posaconazole delayed-release tablets.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use posaconazole delayed-release tablets for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give posaconazole delayed-release tablets to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about posaconazole delayed-release tablets that is written for health professionals.

What are the ingredients in posaconazole delayed-release tablets?

Active ingredient: posaconazole

Inactive ingredients: Croscarmellose sodium, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hypromellose acetate succinate, iron oxide yellow, magnesium stearate, mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol 3350/4000, polyvinyl alcohol, silicon dioxide, talc, and titanium dioxide.

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