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Tavaborole topical

Generic name: tavaborole topical [TA-va-BOR-ole-*TOP-ik-al*]

Brand names: [Kerydin](#), Tavaborole

Dosage form: topical solution (5%)

Drug class: [Topical antifungals](#)



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What is tavaborole topical?

Tavaborole topical is used to treat a [fungal infection](#) of the toenail called [onychomycosis](#) (ON e koe mye KOE sis).

Tavaborole topical may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Tavaborole topical side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction**: hives; difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Tavaborole topical may cause serious side effects. Call your doctor at once if you have:

- severe redness, swelling, or other irritation of the affected toenail.

Common side effects of tavaborole topical may include:

- skin peeling or redness where the medicine was applied;
- [itching](#); or
- ingrown toenail.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.



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Warnings

Follow all directions on your medicine label and package. Tell each of your healthcare providers about all your medical conditions, allergies, and all medicines you use.

Before taking this medicine

Tavaborole is not approved for use by anyone younger than 6 years old.

It is not known whether tavaborole topical will harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant.

It may not be safe to breast-feed while using this medicine. Ask your doctor about any risk.

How should I use tavaborole topical?

Follow all directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides or instruction sheets. Use the medicine exactly as directed.

Do not take by mouth. This medicine is for use only on the toenails.

Tavaborole topical is usually applied once daily for 48 weeks (approximately 11 months).

Read and carefully follow any Instructions for Use provided with your medicine. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you do not understand these instructions.

Call your doctor if your symptoms do not improve, or if they get worse.

Use this medicine for the full prescribed length of time, even if your symptoms quickly improve. Skipping doses can increase your risk of [infection](#) that is resistant to medication.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat. Keep the bottle tightly closed when not in use.

Tavaborole topical is flammable. Do not use near high heat or open flame. Do not smoke until the gel has completely dried on your nail.

Tavaborole topical dosing information

Usual Adult Dose for Onychomycosis -- Toenail:

Apply to affected toenail(s) once a day for 48 weeks.

Comments:

-The provided dropper should be used.

-This drug should be applied to the entire toenail surface and under the tip of each treated toenail.

Use: For the treatment of onychomycosis of the toenail(s) due to *Trichophyton rubrum* or *T mentagrophytes*

Usual Pediatric Dose for Onychomycosis -- Toenail:

6 years or older: Apply to affected toenail(s) once a day for 48 weeks.

Comments:

-The provided dropper should be used.

-This drug should be applied to the entire toenail surface and under the tip of each treated toenail.

Use: For the treatment of onychomycosis of the toenail(s) due to *T rubrum* or *T mentagrophytes*

 [Detailed Tavaborole topical dosage information](#)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Apply the medicine as soon as you can, but skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next dose. **Do not** apply two doses at one time.

What happens if I overdose?

An overdose of tavaborole topical is not expected to be dangerous. Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222 if anyone has accidentally swallowed the medication.

What should I avoid while using tavaborole topical?

Avoid getting tavaborole topical on any other skin besides the cuticles or the skin around your toenail.

Do not get this medicine in your eyes, mouth, or vagina.

What other drugs will affect tavaborole topical?

Medicine used on the toenails is not likely to be affected by other drugs you use. But many drugs can interact with each other. Tell each of your healthcare providers about all medicines you use, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#).

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Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use this medication only for the indication prescribed.

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Availability

Rx Prescription only


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 Risk data available

CSA Schedule*

N/A Not a controlled drug

Approval History

 Drug history at FDA



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