

Home

2. Kerydin

Kerydin

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

Drug class: Topical antifungals

Medically reviewed by Drugs.com. Last updated on Oct 23, 2024.

Uses Warnings Before taking Dosage Side effects Interactions FAQ

What is Kerydin?

Kerydin is an antifungal medication that fights infections caused by fungus.

Kerydin topical solution is used to treat a fungal infection of the toenail called onychomycosis (ON e koe mye KOE sis).

Kerydin topical solution, 5% contains tavaborole, 5% (w/w) in a clear, colorless alcohol-based solution.

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

You should not use Kerydin if you are allergic to tavaborole.

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

It is not known whether Kerydin will harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant while using this medicine.

It is not known whether tavaborole topical passes into breast milk or if it could harm a nursing baby. Ask your doctor about any risk.

Kerydin pregnancy and breastfeeding warnings (more detail)

How should I use Kerydin?

Use Kerydin solution exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Follow all directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides or instruction sheets.

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

Kerydin 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.

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

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

<u>Detailed Kerydin dosage information</u>

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 Kerydin 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 Kerydin?

Avoid getting this medicine on any other skin besides the cuticles or the skin around your toenail.

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

Kerydin side effects

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

Call your doctor at once if you have:

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

Common Kerydin side effects 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.

i Kerydin side effects (more detail)

Related/similar drugs

Lamisil

Lamisil (terbinafine) is used to treat infections caused by fungus that affect the fingernails or ...

Reviews & ratings

6.7 / 10

138 Reviews

View more

Jublia

Jublia (efinaconazole) is an antifungal solution used to treat onychomycosis of the toenails ...

Reviews & ratings

5.7 / 10

229 Reviews

View more

FEATURED

Ozempic

Learn about Ozempic (semaglutide) for type 2 diabetes treatment, weight management, cardiovascular ...

Reviews & ratings

6.6 / 10

1,504 Reviews

View more

Penlac

Penlac nail lacquer (ciclopirox) is used to treat fungal infections of the toenails and ...

Reviews & ratings

3 Reviews

View more

Sporanox

Sporanox (itraconazole) is used to treat fungal infections of the lungs, mouth, throat, toenails ...

Reviews & ratings

8.4 / 10

18 Reviews

View more

What other drugs will affect Kerydin?

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.

Does Kerydin interact with my other drugs?

Enter medications to view a detailed interaction report using our Drug Interaction Checker.

Kerydin

Enter a drug name Add

Popular FAQ

How do I get rid of nail fungus?

More about Kerydin (tavaborole topical)

- · Compare alternatives
- Reviews (32)
- · Side effects
- Dosage information
- During pregnancy
- FDA approval history
- · Drug class: topical antifungals
- Breastfeeding
- En español

Professional resources

- Kerydin prescribing information
- Tavaborole (AHFS Monograph)

Related treatment guides

· Onychomycosis, Toenail

Further information

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

Always consult your healthcare provider to ensure the information displayed on this page applies to your personal circumstances.

Medical Disclaimer

Copyright 1996-2025 Cerner Multum, Inc. Version: 2.01.

DRUG STATUS

Availability

Rx Prescription only

Pregnancy & Lactation

ন্প Risk data available

CSA Schedule*

N/A Not a controlled drug

Approval History

10 years FDA approved 2014

User Reviews & Ratings

4.7 / 10

32 Reviews

Drugs.com Mobile App

Access drug & treatment information, identify pills, check interactions and set up personal medication records.





About

About Drugs.com

Advertising policy

Attribution & citations

Terms & privacy

Terms of use

Editorial policy

Privacy policy

Support

Help center

Sitemap

Contact us













Subscribe to our newsletter for the latest medication news, new drug approvals and FDA alerts.

Drugs.com provides accurate and independent information on more than 24,000 prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines and natural products. This material is provided for educational purposes only and is not intended for medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Data sources include Micromedex (updated 7 Apr 2025), Cerner Multum™ (updated 13 Apr 2025), ASHP (updated 10 Apr 2025) and others.









