| Drug | Dose | Duration | +/- Notes |
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| Vulvovaginal candidiasis Short-course topical formulations effectively treat uncomplicated vulvovaginal candidiasis. A number of preparations are available over-the-counter (OTC) and choice will be influenced by personal preference and cost. | | | |
| Clotrimazole 1% or 2% cream Available OTC | Apply to the affected area 2-3 times daily. | Until symptoms resolved. Up to 7 days. | Should be continued for external relief of symptoms in addition to intravaginal or systemic antifungal if required. Use of 1% hydrocortisone in combination with azole cream may be required. Canesten cream on its own is not reimbursable on GMS however it is reimbursable as part of Canesten duopack® containing 100mg pessaries and 1% cream) |
| Econazole (Gyno-Pevaryl®) pessary Available OTC | 150mg PV | Single dose | Insert pessary using applicator or applicator with cream high into the vagina at night-time. Use of an applicator into the vagina not recommended during pregnancy. Canesten 500mg pessary is not reimbursable on GMS Latex condoms and diaphragms can be damaged by vaginal creams and pessaries; extra precautions are advised. |
| Clotrimazole (Canesten®) pessary/vaginal cream Available OTC | 500mg pessary/ 5g applicatorful once daily at night OR 200mg once daily at night | Single dose 3 days | |
| Miconazole vaginal cream (Gyno-Daktarin®) with use of applicator Prescription only | Two applicators (10g) once daily at night OR One applicator (5g) once daily at night | 7 days 14 days | |
| Fluconazole oral capsule Prescription only | 150mg PO | Single dose | Avoid fluconazole (and all oral azoles) in pregnancy. |
| Recurrent vulvovaginal candidiasis | | | |
| Fluconazole | 150mg PO | Days 1, 4 and 7 then weekly for 6 months | Avoid fluconazole (and all oral azoles) in pregnancy. |
| Candida balanitis | | | |
| Clotrimazole 1% cream Available OTC | Apply twice daily topically | 5-7 days | Oral treatment rarely indicated. |