

## PACKAGE LEAFLET – INFORMATION FOR THE USER

### Candid Mouth Paint

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, please ask your doctor or your pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to you doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the leaflet.

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#### **1. What Candid Mouth Paint is and what it is used for**

Candid Mouth Paint is a trade name for the antifungal medicine, Clotrimazole. Candid Mouth Paint is used to treat infections in or around the mouth, throat or tongue caused by yeast-like fungi called *Candida*. This condition is known as oral candidiasis or thrush. *Candida albicans* is the most common cause of thrush.

*C. albicans* is present in the gut of both men and women, and often in women's vaginas without causing problems. When conditions are suitable for its growth, *C. albicans* will multiply and cause infection.

A number of different conditions provide favorable growth conditions for *Candida*.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why Candid Mouth Paint has been prescribed for you.

#### **2. What you need to know before you use Candid Mouth Paint**

##### **Do not use Candid Mouth Paint:**

- if you have an allergy to it or to any ingredients in the formulation listed at the end of this leaflet.
- to treat fungal infections affecting internal organs.
- in children below the age of 3 years.

**Warnings and precautions:**

- before taking this medication, tell your doctor if you have liver disease. You may not be able to take clotrimazole, or special monitoring during treatment.
- allow the paint to dissolve slowly in the mouth in order to achieve maximum effect of the medication

**Other medicines and Candid Mouth Paint**

Tell your pharmacist if you are taking other medicines, including vitamin and herbal supplements or any medicines you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines may affect the way others work. Your doctor or pharmacist may have more information on medicines to be careful with or to avoid while using Candid Mouth Paint.

**Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility**

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you might be pregnant, or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using this medicine.

Candid Mouth Paint should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

**Driving and using machines**

This medicine is not expected to affect your ability to drive or use machines.

**3. How to use Candid Mouth Paint**

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

The recommended dose is:

Children (above 3yrs) and Adults -10-20 drops (0.5-1ml) gently applied in mouth 3-4 times daily with cotton bud.

If you wear dentures, take them out while applying Candid Mouth Paint. This allows the medicine to reach where the dentures normally fit. Before replacing your dentures, clean them thoroughly.

**If you take more Candid Mouth Paint**

Talk to a doctor or go to your nearest hospital casualty department straight away. Take your medicine and this leaflet with you. Symptoms of a clotrimazole overdose are unknown.

**If you forget to Candid Mouth Paint**

Apply the Candid Mouth Paint as soon as possible and then continue the rest of your treatment as usual. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose. If you are not sure what to do, ask your pharmacist.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

### **While using Candid Mouth Paint**

#### *Things you must do*

If you are about to start taking any new medicines, tell all doctors and pharmacists who are treating you that you are using Candid Mouth Paint.

If you become pregnant while using Candid Mouth Paint, tell your doctor immediately.

If you plan to have surgery, tell your doctor or dentist that you are using Candid Mouth Paint.

If your symptoms do not improve while you are using Candid Mouth Paint or they become worse, tell your doctor.

#### *Things you must not do*

Do not give Candid Mouth Paint to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you. Candid Mouth Paint is intended for mouth infections only, caused by Candida yeast infections.

#### *Do not use*

Candid Mouth Paint to treat any other complaints unless your doctor or pharmacist tells you to.

Unless you experience a bad side effect or allergic reaction to Candid Mouth Paint, do not stop using Candid Mouth Paint until the infection is cured.

#### *Things that may help your condition*

To avoid the possibility of re-infection or infection of other household members, you must observe strict personal hygiene. Hands must be washed thoroughly before and after using Candid Mouth Paint.

Wash used kitchen utensils by boiling for 20 minutes. Wash your used utensils separately and keep them away from utensils used by other household members. This may help prevent spread of the infection.

## **4. Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

After you apply Candid Mouth Paint you might experience:

- abnormal liver function tests
- nausea or stomach upset,
- vomiting,
- itching, or
- an unpleasant sensation in the mouth.

Side effects other than those listed here may also occur. Talk to your doctor about any side effect that seems unusual or that is especially bothersome.

**Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**5. How to store Candid Mouth Paint**

Store below 30°C. Protect from light.

**6. Contents of the pack and other information**

A printed carton containing a leaflet and a set of temper proof LDPE labelled bottle fitted with a plug and red coloured HDPE cap containing a clear colourless viscous liquid.

**This leaflet was last revised in May 2020.**