Voriconazole (vor-I-KON-a-zole)

Voriconazole (Vfend) is used to prevent or treat fungal infections.

How to take this medicine

- This medicine is taken by mouth.
- It is best to take voriconazole on an empty stomach at least one hour before or 1 hour after a meal.
- Your doctor will tell you how much medicine to use and how often. Do not stop taking this medicine unless your doctor tells you to.

When Taking Voriconazole

- Voriconazole interacts with many other drugs including cyclosporine, sirolimus, and tacrolimus.
- Tell your doctors know if you are started on any new prescription medicines.
- Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using any over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements.

Side effects

Common side effects

- Stomach upset including nausea, vomiting, or loss of appetite
- Rash
- Increased liver enzymes
- Vision problems, such as color changes and sensitivity to light. This can happen 30 minutes after the dose and last 30 minutes.

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Serious side effects
Call your doctor right away if you have any of these side effects:

- Blistering, peeling, red skin rash
- Yellowing of your skin or the whites of your eyes
- Blurred vision or changes in vision

Warnings
- Tell your doctor before taking if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.
- Voriconazole may be harmful to your unborn baby. Contact your doctor right away if you become pregnant while using this medicine.
- Avoid being in the sun while on this medicine.
- Do not use tanning booths or sunlamps.
- Use sunscreen and protect your skin if you have to be outside in the sun.

Storage
- Store this medicine at room temperature. Keep away from heat, moisture, and direct light.
- Keep all medicine out of the reach of children.

For questions about this medication contact your transplant coordinator.

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