Canesten® HC Cream contains 1% w/w clotrimazole and 1% w/w hydrocortisone.

Indications Treatment of the following skin infections where co-existing symptoms of inflammation, e.g. itching, require rapid relief: all dermatomycoses due to dermatophytes (e.g. Trichophyton species), moulds and other fungi, yeasts (Candida species) and skin diseases showing secondary infection with these fungi. The treatment of nappy rash where infection due to Candida albicans is present. Candidal vulvitis, candidal balanitis and candidal intertrigo. Dosage and Administration Apply thinly and evenly to the affected area twice daily and rub in gently. Treatment should be for a maximum of 7 days. There is no separate dosage schedule for the elderly or the young. However, long-term therapy to extensive areas of skin should be avoided particularly in infants and children. Contra-indications Hypersensitivity to clotrimazole, hydrocortisone, or any of the other ingredients e.g. cetostearyl alcohol. The following contra-indications apply to the hydrocortisone component: any untreated bacterial skin diseases, chicken pox, vaccination reactions, perioral dermatitis, viral skin diseases (e.g. herpes simplex, rosacea, shingles), use on broken skin, acne. Warnings and Precautions The cream contains cetostearyl alcohol, which may cause local skin reactions (e.g. contact dermatitis). Because of its corticosteroid content, application to large areas, or in long term continuous therapy, or under occlusive dressings should be avoided, particularly in infants and children due to the risk of increased systemic absorption. In infants the nappy may act as an occlusive dressing and increase absorption. When used together, this product may cause damage to latex contraceptives and consequently, the effectiveness of such contraceptives may be reduced. Side-effects Allergic reaction, blisters, discomfort/pain, oedema, irritation, peeling/exfoliation, pruritus, rash, stinging/burning. After use on large areas (more than 10% of the body surface) and/or after long-term use (longer than 2-4 weeks) or use under occlusive dressings, local skin alterations such as skin atrophy, telangiectasis, hypertrichosis, striations, hypopigmentation, secondary infection and acneiform symptoms may occur. Use in pregnancy Only when considered essential by a physician. Cost £2.42 MA Number PL 0010/0120. MA Holder Bayer plc, Consumer Care Division, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 1JA, UK. Legal Category POM. Date of Preparation July 2010. Adverse events should be reported. Reporting forms and information can be found at 'www.yellowcard.gov.uk'. Adverse events should also be reported to Bayer plc, Consumer Care Division. © = Registered trademark of Bayer AG