

# DVMetrics Client Information Sheets for Veterinary Medications



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## NYSTATIN - *Full Version*

**CPN:** 63011113

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

This is a medication that is used in dogs and cats to treat certain yeast infections. It is available by prescription from your licensed veterinarian in the form of a tablet, capsule, powder and a suspension.

### WHAT IS THIS DRUG?

- An antifungal medication that has predominant activity against Candida
- Given by mouth

### REASONS FOR PRESCRIBING:

- **Nystatin** is not absorbed systemically, this medication must come into direct contact with the organism to be effective and is used primarily to treat oral or gastrointestinal tract Candida infections

### ANIMAL PRECAUTIONS:

- This medication is used off-label in cats and dogs and should be administered only when and as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian
- **Use of this medication in any other species should be in consultation with a veterinarian**
- Animals with a known hypersensitivity or allergy to this or related products should not be given this medication

### DIRECTIONS:

Read and follow the prescription label carefully.

Give the exact amount prescribed and only as often as directed.

For liquids, shake well before accurately measuring the dose.

Give this medication for as long as your veterinarian directs. Do not skip doses or stop giving the medication without consulting your veterinarian. Missed doses reduce the effectiveness of therapy. Finish the entire course of treatment.

Baseline blood work may be recommended to assess your pet's general health before starting this medication. Dose adjustments may be made based upon tests results, culture results, and an assessment of how your dog or cat is responding clinically.

This medication will take effect quickly, in about 1 to 2 hours, but its effects may not be visibly noticeable for a few days.

Call ahead for refills.

Ideally, give medication at the same time(s) daily.

### WHAT IF A DOSE IS MISSED?

If a dose is missed, give it as soon as you can. If it is time already for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to the normal schedule. Do not give two doses at the same time.

### WHAT TO TELL/ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN BEFORE GIVING THIS MEDICATION?

Talk to your veterinarian about:

- When your pet will need to be rechecked
- What tests may need to be performed prior to and during treatment with this drug
- What are the safety concerns when using this product in different species
- What are the risks and benefits of using this drug

Tell your veterinarian about:

- If your pet has experienced previous ear problems
- If your pet has experienced side effects on other drugs/products
- If your pet has experienced digestive upset now or ever
- If your pet has experienced liver or kidney disease now or ever
- If your pet has experienced any other medical problems or allergies now or ever
- All medicines and supplements that you are giving your pet or plan to give your pet, including those you can get without a prescription. Your veterinarian may want to check that all of your pet's medications can be given together.
- If your pet is pregnant, nursing or if you plan to breed your pet

### STORAGE AND WARNINGS:

**Nystatin** should be stored in a childproof container in a cool, dry place at room temperature away from heat and direct sunlight.

Avoid extreme temperatures (heat and freezing) with oral suspensions.

**Nystatin** will deteriorate when exposed to heat, light, air or moisture.

Keep this and all medication out of reach of children and pets.

Call your physician immediately if you accidentally take this product.

#### POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

- At higher doses, **Nystatin** can affect the gastrointestinal system causing anorexia, vomiting and diarrhea
- If these symptoms persist or you notice anything else unusual, contact your veterinarian
- This short-acting medication should stop working within 24 hours, although effects may last longer in pets with liver or kidney disease

#### CAN THIS DRUG BE GIVEN WITH OTHER DRUGS?

- Do not give new food or medications without first talking to your veterinarian
- If your pet experiences any unusual reactions when taking multiple medications, contact your veterinarian

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I KNOW OF OR SUSPECT THERE HAS BEEN AN OVERDOSE?

Contact your veterinarian immediately if your pet has accidentally ingested this medication or has received more than the prescribed amount.

#### WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

Notify your veterinarian if your animal's condition does not improve or worsens despite this treatment.

As with all prescribed medicines, **Nystatin** should only be given to the pet for which it was prescribed. It should be given only for the condition for which it was prescribed, at the prescribed dose, as directed by your veterinarian.

This is just a summary of information about **Nystatin**. If you have any questions or concerns about **Nystatin** or the condition for which it was prescribed, please contact your veterinarian.

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