

Griseofulvin

Griseofulvin is an oral antifungal medication used to treat infections of the skin. It can be used for ringworm and tinea infections but has several side effects. These include headache, confusion, teratogenic effects and inducing cytochrome P450.



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Mechanism

Disrupts Microtubules in Mitosis

[Breaking Microtubules on Mitt-toes](#)

This drug interferes with mitotic spindle synthesis by binding to tubulin and disrupting microtubule formation in fungal cells.

Indications

Antifungal for Superficial Infections

[Ant-tie-fun-guy with Infected Super-fish](#)

Griseofulvin is an antifungal used against superficial infections, such as ringworm or tinea. It is reserved for infections affecting the nail, hair or large body surfaces.

Tinea and Ringworm

[Tennis shoes and Ring-worm](#)

This medication inhibits dermatophytes, which may cause ringworm or tinea. Griseofulvin can be used for all tinea, such as cruris, pedis, capitis and corporis (ringworm).

Side Effects

Teratogen

[Tarantula-gem](#)

Griseofulvin is a teratogen and should not be given to expecting mothers.

P450 Inducer

[Pea 450 Inducer-rocket](#)

This medication is a cytochrome P450 inducer, and can increase the metabolism of (and decrease effectiveness of) several medications, such as OCPs.

Confusion

Confucius

Confusion is a common side effect of this medication.

Headache

Head-egg-lump

Among the several non-specific symptoms patients can complain of, headache is one of the most common and is seen in roughly 15% of patients.