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Nystatin

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CASRN: 1400-61-9

Drug Levels and Effects

Summary of Use during Lactation

Although no information exists on the milk excretion of nystatin, it is virtually unabsorbed orally, therefore most reviewers and clinicians consider it acceptable for use in nursing mothers, including topical application to the nipples.[1][2][3] Only water-miscible cream or gel products should be applied to the breast because ointments may expose the infant to high levels of mineral paraffins via licking.[4] Any excess cream should be removed from the nipples before nursing. Nystatin is less effective than other topical agents for the treatment of thrush.[5] [6]

Drug Levels

Maternal Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

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Infant Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

Effects in Breastfed Infants

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

Alternate Drugs to Consider

(Systemic) Amphotericin B, Fluconazole; (Topical) Clotrimazole, Miconazole

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Substance Identification

Substance Name

Nystatin

CAS Registry Number

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Drug Class

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Antifungal Agents