

Fluconazole intravenous- *medication shortage*

Fact Sheet – *for hospitals and acute care facilities*

This **Fact Sheet** is intended as a guide only and does not equate to expert opinion. Interpretation of recommendations should always be taken in context with the patient's current condition and formal clinical review.



There is currently an Australia-wide shortage of intravenous (IV) fluconazole

If your patient is currently prescribed **IV fluconazole**, please review and consider the following:

Is fluconazole required for the indication?	Review your local guidelines or the <i>Therapeutic Guidelines: Antibiotic</i> If not indicated, CEASE fluconazole
Can empiric fluconazole be ceased ?	In most cases, empiric fluconazole can be ceased if investigations have not identified a fungal infection
Can oral fluconazole be used?	Fluconazole has excellent oral bioavailability (<i>it can usually be prescribed orally if the patient can eat and drink</i>)

If **IV fluconazole** is still recommended for the indication, consult with infectious diseases or clinical microbiology to discuss **alternatives**:

The choice of antifungal or antifungal combination will vary depending on the location and severity of infection and patient factors including antifungal allergies or drug interactions