**Griseofulvin:**

**Class:** Antifungal Agent.

**Indications:**

Treatment of tinea infections of the skin, hair, and nails caused by susceptible species of *Microsporum*, *Epidermophyton*, or *Trichophyton*

**Available dosage form in the hospital:** 125MG TAB, 500MG TAB.

**Trade Names:**

**Dosage:**

Tinea infections: oral

- Microsize:
  
  Tinea corporis, tinea cruris, tinea capitis: 500 mg daily in single or divided doses
  
  Tinea pedis, tinea unguium: 1000 mg daily in single or divided doses

- Ultrimicrosize: 375 mg daily in single or divided doses; doses up to 750 mg daily in divided doses have been used for infections more difficult to eradicate such as tinea unguium and tinea pedis.

**Duration of therapy depends on the site of infection:**

- Tinea corporis: 2-4 weeks
- Tinea cruris: 2-6 weeks (Red Book, 2012)
- Tinea capitis: 4-6 weeks
- Tinea pedis: 4-8 weeks
- Tinea unguium: 4-6 months or longer

**Common side effect:**

Central nervous system: Dizziness, fatigue, headache, insomnia, mental confusion

Dermatologic: erythema multiforme-like drug reaction, photosensitivity, rash, urticaria

Gastrointestinal: Diarrhea, epigastric distress, GI bleeding, nausea, vomiting

**Pregnancy Risk Factor:** X