

Adapalene 0.1% w/w

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What Differin[®] Gel is used for

Differin[®] Gel is a prescription medicine for use on skin only (topical) for treatment of acne vulgaris where comedones, papules and pustules predominate. Acne of the face, chest or back is appropriate for treatment.

How Differin[®] Gel works

The active substance in Differin[®] Gel is adapalene, which has anti-inflammatory effects that reduces the inflammatory components of acne (papules and pustules) and normalizes the development of skin cells, resulting in decreased acne formation.

Before you use Differin[®] Gel

- When you must not use it

If you are pregnant or planning a pregnancy

If you are allergic to any ingredient of the product.

If you have broken (cuts or abrasions), irritated skin or severe acne.

Pregnancy and lactation

- Do not use if you are pregnant or thinking of becoming pregnant. Your doctor can give you more information
- Do not apply Differin[®] Gel on the chest if you are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

- Before you start to use it

Always use Differin[®] Gel exactly according to your doctor's or pharmacist's advice. Check with them if you are not sure.

- Taking other medicines

Seek advice from your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines

Concomitant use of peeling agents, astringents or irritant products may produce additive irritant effects.

Other anti-acne medicines containing erythromycin, clindamycin phosphate or benzoyl peroxide may be used with Differin[®] Gel, but they must be used in the morning while Differin[®] Gel is used at night, unless your doctor otherwise advised by your doctor.

How to use Differin[®] Gel

- How much to use

A thin film of the product should be applied to the affected area once a day before bedtime and after washing.

- When to use it

When you have the signs of acne (acne vulgaris) and your doctor or pharmacist prescribed this medicine to you.

- How long to use it

Continue using Differin[®] Gel for as long as your doctor or pharmacist recommends.

- If you forget to use it

Start using the medicine again as soon as you remember in the same way as before.

- If you use too much (overdose)

If you applied more than what your doctor or pharmacist advised, no more

rapid or better results will be obtained but the marked redness, peeling or discomfort may occur.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

Wash the areas to be treated with water and a gentle cleanser and make sure the skin area is clean and dry before administering the medicine.

Squeeze the tube gently and put a film of the gel with your fingertips on the affected areas and rub in gently.

Wash your hands after handling the medicine.

If you experience severe skin sensitivity and irritation during or after applying the medicine, stop using it and tell your doctor. If the irritation is minor, use the medication less frequently, discontinue use temporarily until symptoms subside, or discontinue use altogether.

- Things you must not do

Differin[®] Gel is not to be taken orally and it is for external application on the affected skin only.

Differin[®] Gel should not make contact with the eyes, mouth, nostrils or mucous membrane. If product enters the eye, wash immediately with warm water.

Differin[®] Gel should not be applied to either broken (cuts and abrasions), sunburnt or irritated skin.

- Things to be careful of

Patients using the product should not be exposed to excessive sunlight or UV radiation. Use of protective sunscreen over the treated skin area is recommended.

Cosmetic products may be used but they must not cause blocked pores or dry skin.

Driving and using machines

This medicine should not affect your ability to drive or use machines.

Side effects

Common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$)

- Dry Skin
- Skin Irritation
- Skin burning sensation
- Erythema (redness of the skin)

Uncommon ($\geq 1/1000$ to $< 1/100$)

- Dermatitis contact (Itchy rash caused by direct contact with irritant substance)
- Skin discomfort
- Sunburn
- Itch
- Peeling of skin
- Acne_

Unknown

- Allergic contact dermatitis (Itchy rash caused by allergic reaction to substance contacted)
- Pain of skin
- Skin swelling
- Application site burn
- Skin hypo or hyper pigmentation
- Irritation, redness, itch and swelling of eyelid
- Severe allergic reaction affecting breathing and blood circulation
- Severe swelling of face and skin

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers --> Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

Storage and Disposal of Differin® Gel

- Storage
 - Store at room temperature (not exceeding 30°C)

- Avoid freezing during transport and storage
- Keep out of reach of children
- Do not use this medicine after expiry date stated on the product label. The expiry date refers to the last day of the month.

- Disposal

Do not throw away any medicine via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose the medicine you no longer use. These measures help to protect the environment.

Product Description

- What it looks like

Differin® Gel is a white gel packaged in white low-density polyethylene tubes fitted with white polypropylene screw caps.

- Ingredients

Active ingredient

- Adapalene

Inactive ingredients

- Carbomer
- Propylene glycol
- Poloxamer 182
- Disodium edetate
- Methyl parahydroxybenzoate
- Phenoxyethanol
- Sodium hydroxide
- Purified water

- MAL number

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