

Differin® Cream

Adapalene 0.1% w/w Cream

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What Differin® Cream is used for

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

How Differin® Cream works

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

Before you use Differin® Cream

- 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® Cream 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® Cream 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 use 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® Cream but they must be used in the morning while Differin® Cream is used at night, unless otherwise advised by your doctor.

How to use Differin® Cream

- How much to use

Differin® Cream should be applied in a thin film to the acne affected areas.

- When to use it

Differin® Cream should be used once a day before bedtime and after washing, or as prescribed by your doctor or pharmacist.

- How long to use it

Differin® Cream should be used according to prescribed duration. Your doctor may schedule a follow up appointment to assess improvement in your skin condition.

- 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 the medicine is applied excessively, no more rapid or better results will be obtained and marked redness, peeling or discomfort may occur.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

Clean the areas to be treated and make sure the skin is dry before applying the medicine.

Squeeze the tube gently to obtain a quantity of product on your fingertip sufficient to cover the affected areas. Wash your hands after handling the medicine.

If you experience sensitivity or severe irritation with the use of this medicine, stop using it and tell your doctor. If the local irritation is minor, use the medicine less frequently, discontinue use temporarily, or discontinue use altogether and resume use only after irritation has subsided.

- Things you must not do

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

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contact with the eyes, mouth, nostrils or mucous membrane. If product enters the eye, wash immediately with warm water.

Differin® Cream 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.

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 $< 1/100$)

- Contact dermatitis (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® Cream

- 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® Cream is a white cream packaged in 30g collapsible aluminum tubes and fitted with white polypropylene screw caps.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient(s)

- Adapalene

- Inactive ingredients

- Carbomer
- PEG-20 Methyl Glucose Sesquistearate
- Glycerol
- Natural Squalene
- Methyl Parahydroxybenzoate
- Propyl Parahydroxybenzoate
- Disodium Edetate
- Methyl Glucose Sesquistearate
- Phenoxyethanol
- Cyclomethicone
- Sodium Hydroxide
- Purified Water

- MAL number:

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