

# DERIVA MS AQUEOUS GEL

Adapalene Gel Microspheres 0.1% w/w

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## What Deriva MS Aqueous Gel is used for

Deriva MS Aqueous Gel is a prescription medicine for skin use only (topical) used to treat acne vulgaris in people 12 years of age and older.

Acne vulgaris is a condition in which the skin has blackheads, whiteheads and pimples.

It is not known if Deriva MS Aqueous Gel is safe and effective in children younger than 12 years of age

## How Deriva MS Aqueous Gel works

The active substance in Deriva MS Aqueous Gel is adapalene which has an anti-inflammatory effect reducing soreness and irritation.

## Before you use Adapalene Gel Microspheres 0.1 w/w

- *When you must not use it*  
Do not use Deriva MS Aqueous Gel if you are allergic to adapalene or any of the ingredients in this product. See the end of this Consumer Information Leaflet for a

complete list of ingredients in Deriva MS Aqueous Gel.

### - *Before you start to use it*

Tell your doctor if you:

- have other skin problems, including eczema, seborrhoeic skin inflammation
- have any other medical conditions
- have severe forms of acne

### *Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility*

It is not known if Deriva MS Aqueous Gel can harm your unborn baby. The use of Adapalene is not recommended during pregnancy. Talk to your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

It is not known if Deriva MS Aqueous Gel passes into your breast milk and if it can harm your baby. Talk to your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you use Deriva MS Aqueous Gel.

To avoid contact exposure of the infant, application of Deriva MS Aqueous Gel to the chest should be avoided.

### - *Taking other medicines*

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements.

Especially tell your doctor if you use any other medicine for acne.

However, topical anti-acne treatments, e.g. erythromycin or clindamycin phosphate solutions or benzoyl peroxide water based gels, may be used in the morning when Deriva MS Aqueous Gel is used at night.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

## How to use Deriva MS Aqueous Gel

Wash the area where Deriva MS Aqueous Gel will be applied and pat dry.

Tube: Squeeze a small amount onto your fingertips and spread a thin layer over the entire face and any other affected areas.

### *How much to use*

Use Deriva MS Aqueous Gel exactly as your doctor tells you to use it. Deriva MS Aqueous Gel is for skin use only. Do not use Deriva MS Aqueous Gel in or on your mouth, eyes, or vagina.

Apply Deriva MS Aqueous Gel once daily at night.

### *When to use*

Deriva MS Aqueous Gel should be applied to the acne affected area once a day before retiring and after washing, unless your doctor has instructed otherwise.

### *How long to use it*

How long you will have to use Deriva MS Aqueous Gel will depend on how quickly your acne improves. After you have used this product, it is important that you see your doctor to assess the improvement of your acne treatment.

### *If you forget to use it*

Don't worry if you forget to apply your Deriva MS Aqueous Gel at the right time. When you remember, start using the product again, in the same way as before. If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If you use too much (overdose)

Do not use more Deriva MS Aqueous Gel than you need to cover the treatment area. Using too much Deriva MS Aqueous Gel or using it more than 1 time a day may increase your chance of skin irritation such as marked redness, peeling or discomfort.

**While you are using it**

Things you must do

- You should avoid spending time in sunlight or artificial sunlight, such as tanning beds or sunlamps. Deriva MS Aqueous Gel may enhance the development of skin cancers caused by ultraviolet light.
- You should wear sunscreen and wear a hat and clothes that cover the areas treated with Deriva MS Aqueous Gel if you have to be in sunlight.
- You should avoid skin products that may dry or irritate your skin such as harsh soaps, astringents, cosmetics that have strong skin drying effects and products containing high levels of alcohol.

Cosmetics may be used but they must not cause blackheads or dry the skin.

Things you must not do

Do not use Deriva MS Aqueous Gel after the expiry date.

Things to be careful of

Driving and using machines

This medicine may not affect your ability to drive or use machine. If the gel makes you feel sick, dizzy or tired, or give you a headache, do not drive or use machines and contact your doctor immediately.

**Side effects**

Deriva MS Aqueous Gel may cause serious side effects including:

- Redness of the skin (erythema)
- Dryness
- Scaling
- Itching of the skin (pruritus)
- Stinging or burning
- Sunburn
- Acne flares

You may use a moisturizer for relief of dry skin or irritation, however you should avoid products that contain oil.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. These are not all the possible side effects of adapalene. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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](http://npra.gov.my) [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

**Storage and Disposal of Deriva MS Aqueous Gel**

- Storage

Store below 30oC. Protect from light.

Keep all medicines out of the sight and reach of children.

- Disposal

Do not use after the expiry date printed on the carton or metal tube.

Don't dispose of medicines in wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer

required. This will help protect the environment.

**Product Description**

- What it looks like

Deriva MS Aqueous Gel is supplied in 15g tubes.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient(s)

Adapalene 0.1% w/w (as microspheres) in aqueous gel base

- Inactive ingredients

Methyl Hydroxybenzoate BP 0.1% w/w, Phenoxyethanol BP 0.25% w/w

- MAL number:

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