

TOPICAL ACNE TREATMENTS (Part 1 of 3)

Generic	Brand	Strength	Form	Dose
ANTIBACTERIAL/ANTI-KERATINIZING				
azelaic acid	Azelex	Rx 20%	crn	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Gently massage thin film to affected areas twice daily (AM and PM) to clean, dry skin. Wash hands after use. May decrease to once daily if persistent irritation occurs.
ANTIBACTERIAL/KERATOLYTIC				
benzoyl peroxide	Benzac AC	Rx 5%, 10%	water-base gel	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply to cleansed area 1–2 times daily
			wash	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Wash affected area 1–2 times daily; rinse
	Benzac-W	Rx 2.5%, 5%, 10%	aqueous-base gel	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply to cleansed area once daily, increase to 2–3 times daily as tolerated
			wash	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Wash affected area 1–2 times a day; rinse
	Benzefoam	Rx 5.3%	emollient foam ^{1,2}	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Shake before use. Apply to affected area once daily. <i>Face:</i> use marble-size dollop. <i>Back or chest:</i> use walnut-size dollop.
	Desquam-X	Rx 5%, 10%	water-base gel	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Massage into cleansed area 1–2 times daily
			water-based wash	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Wash affected areas 1–2 times daily; rinse
	Neobenz Micro	Rx 3.5%, 5.5%	crn	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply to cleansed area 1–2 times daily
	Neobenz Micro SD	Rx 5.5%	crn	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply to cleansed area 1–2 times daily
	Neobenz Micro Wash	Rx 7%	wash	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Wash affected areas 1–2 times daily; rinse
	Riax	Rx 5.5%, 9.5%	foam	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply thin layer, and rinse thoroughly 1–3 times daily as tolerated. May reduce to once daily or every other day if dryness or peeling occurs.
KERATOLYTIC				
salicylic acid	Defence Acne Wash	OTC 2%	soln ^{6,7,8}	Children: Not applicable. Adults: Massage onto skin; rinse
	Phisoderm Anti-Blemish Body Wash	OTC 2%	body wash	Children: Not applicable. Adults: Massage onto skin; rinse
	Phisoderm Anti-Blemish Gel Facial Wash	OTC 2%	gel	Children: Not applicable. Adults: Massage onto skin twice daily; rinse
SULFONE				
dapson	Aczone	Rx 5%	gel	Children: Not established. Adults: Apply pea-sized amount to affected area twice daily (AM & PM). Wash hands after use. Reevaluate if no improvement after 12wks.
		7.5%	gel	Children: Not established. Adults: Apply pea-sized amount to affected area once daily. Wash hands after use. Reevaluate if no improvement after 12wks.

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ANTIMICROBIALS					
clindamycin	Cleocin T	℞ 1%	soln ⁵ , pads ⁵ , lotion, gel	Children: Not established. Adults: Apply thin film twice daily	
	Clindagel	℞ 1%	gel	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply thin film once daily	
	Clindets	℞ 1%	pledgets ⁵	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply thin film twice daily	
	Evoclin	℞ 1%	foam ³	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply once daily to clean, dry skin	
erythromycin	—	℞ 2%	gel	Children: Not established. Adults: Apply thin film 1–2 times daily	
			soln, pads ³	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply with applicator or pads to clean, dry skin twice daily	
	Akne-Mycin	℞ 2%	oint	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply to affected area twice daily (AM & PM)	
	Ery 2% Pads	℞ 2%	pledgets ³	Children: Not applicable. Adults: Rub over cleansed area twice daily (AM & PM)	
sodium sulfacetamide	Klaron	℞ 10%	lotion	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply thin film twice daily to affected areas	
sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur	Clenia	℞ 10%/5%	foaming wash ⁷	Children: Not applicable. Adults: Wash once or twice daily	
			emollient crm ⁷	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply to cleansed skin once daily; max 3 times/day	
	Clarifoam EF	℞ 10%/5%	emollient foam ^{2,3}	Children: Not applicable. Adults: Apply thin film 1–3 times daily	
	Rosanil	℞ 10%/5%	cleanser ²	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Wash affected areas 1–2 times daily; rinse	
RETINOIDS					
adapalene	Differin	℞	0.1%	crm ⁷	Children: Not established. Adults: Apply thin film to affected areas once daily after washing. Reduce frequency or discontinue if prolonged or severe irritation occurs.
			0.1%, 0.3%	gel ⁷	
			0.1%	lotion	
tazarotene	Fabior	℞	0.1%	foam	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply thin layer to clean, dry affected area (face, upper trunk) once daily in PM. <i>Women of childbearing potential:</i> Begin therapy during normal menses.
	Tazorac	℞	0.05%*, 0.1%	crm, gel	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply thin film to lesions on clean, dry face once daily in the PM. <i>Women of childbearing potential:</i> Begin therapy during normal menses.

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RETINOIDS (continued)				
tretinoin	Atralin	Rx 0.05%	gel ^{2,4}	<10yrs: Not recommended. ≥10yrs: Apply sparingly at bedtime to clean skin once daily. Adjust amount and frequency as tolerated.
	Avita	Rx 0.025%	crm, gel	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply sparingly to clean, dry skin once daily at bedtime. If irritation develops, adjust dose or frequency as tolerated and needed.
	Retin-A	Rx 0.025%, 0.05%, 0.1%	crm	
		0.01%, 0.025%	gel ¹	
		0.05%	liq ³	
Retin-A Micro	Rx 0.04%, 0.08%, 0.1%	aqueous gel		
Tretin-X	Rx 0.025%, 0.0375%, 0.05%, 0.075%, 0.1%	crm	Children: Not established. Adults: Apply sparingly at bedtime to clean dry skin; adjust strength and frequency as tolerated and needed.	
COMBINATION AGENTS				
adapalene/ benzoyl peroxide	Epiduo Forte Gel	Rx 0.3%/2.5%	gel	Children: Not established. Adults: Apply thin film to affected areas of face and/or trunk once daily after washing. Use a pea-sized amount for each area of the face.
	Epiduo Gel	Rx 0.1%/2.5%	gel	<9yrs: Not established. ≥9yrs: Apply thin film to clean affected areas (face, trunk) once daily. Use a pea-sized amount for each area of the face. Reduce frequency or discontinue if prolonged or severe irritation occurs.
clindamycin/ benzoyl peroxide	Acanya	Rx 1.2%/2.5%	gel	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply pea-sized amount in a thin layer to clean, dry face once daily. Wash hands after use.
	Benzaclin	Rx 1%/5%	gel	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply twice daily
	Duac	Rx 1%/5%	gel	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply to clean, dry skin once daily in the evening
	Onexton	Rx 1.2%/ 3.75%	gel	Children: Not established. Adults: Apply a pea-sized amount once daily
clindamycin/ tretinoin	Ziana	Rx 1.2%/0.025%	gel	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply thin film to clean, dry face once daily at bedtime
erythromycin/ benzoyl peroxide	Benzamycin	Rx 3%/5%	gel	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Apply to clean, dry skin twice daily
	Benzamycin Pak	Rx 3%/5%	gel pouches	Children: Not recommended. Adults: Mix and apply to clean, dry skin twice daily

NOTES

*Only 0.1% indicated for mild to moderate acne vulgaris

¹contains cetearyl alcohol; ²contains parabens; ³contains alcohol; ⁴contains benzyl alcohol; ⁵contains isopropyl alcohol; ⁶contains sulfur; ⁷alcohol-free; ⁸oil-free

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