

# TOPICAL ACNE TREATMENTS (Part 1 of 2)

Generic	Brand	Strength	Form	Dose
<b>ANTIBACTERIAL/ANTI-KERATINIZING</b>				
azelaic acid	<b>Azelex</b>	℞ 20%	crn	<b>Children: Not recommended.</b> <b>Adults:</b> 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.
<b>ANTIBACTERIAL/KERATOLYTIC</b>				
benzoyl peroxide	—	℞ 5%, 10%	water-base gel	<b>Children: Not recommended.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Apply to cleansed area 1–2 times daily
			wash	<b>Children: Not recommended.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Wash affected area 1–2 times daily; rinse
	<b>Riax</b>	℞ 5.5%, 9.5%	foam	<b>Children: Not recommended.</b> <b>Adults:</b> 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.
<b>KERATOLYTIC</b>				
salicylic acid	<b>Phisoderm Anti-Blemish Body Wash</b>	OTC 2%	body wash	<b>Children: Not applicable.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Massage onto skin; rinse
	<b>Phisoderm Anti-Blemish Gel Facial Wash</b>	OTC 2%	gel	<b>Children: Not applicable.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Massage onto skin twice daily; rinse
<b>SULFONE</b>				
dapson	<b>Aczone</b>	℞ 5%	gel	<b>Children &lt;12yrs: Not recommended.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Apply pea-sized amount to affected area twice daily (AM & PM). Wash hands after use. Reevaluate if no improvement after 12wks.
		7.5%	gel	<b>Adults and Children: &lt;9yrs: Not established.</b> <b>≥9yrs:</b> Apply pea-sized amount to affected area once daily. Wash hands after use. Reevaluate if no improvement after 12wks.
<b>ANTIMICROBIALS</b>				
clindamycin	<b>Cleocin T</b>	℞ 1%	soln <sup>5</sup> , pads <sup>5</sup> , lotion, gel	<b>Children: Not established.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Apply thin film twice daily
	<b>Clindagel</b>	℞ 1%	gel	<b>Children: Not recommended.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Apply thin film once daily
	<b>Clindets</b>	℞ 1%	pledgets <sup>5</sup>	<b>Children: Not recommended.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Apply thin film twice daily
	<b>Evoclin</b>	℞ 1%	foam <sup>3</sup>	<b>Children &lt;12yrs: Not established.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Apply once daily to clean, dry skin
erythromycin	—	℞ 2%	gel	<b>Children: Not established.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Apply thin film 1–2 times daily
			soln, pads <sup>3</sup>	<b>Children: Not recommended.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Apply with applicator or pads to clean, dry skin twice daily
	<b>Ery 2% Pads</b>	℞ 2%	pledgets <sup>3</sup>	<b>Children: Not applicable.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Rub over cleansed area twice daily (AM & PM)
minocycline	<b>Amzeeq</b>	℞ 4%	foam <sup>3</sup>	<b>&lt;9yrs: Not established.</b> <b>≥9yrs:</b> Apply at the same time each day ≥1hr before bedtime. Rub gently into affected area(s); repeat as needed. Avoid bathing, showering or swimming for ≥1hr after application.
sodium sulfacetamide	<b>Klaron</b>	℞ 10%	lotion	<b>Children: Not recommended.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Apply thin film twice daily to affected areas
<b>RETINOIDS</b>				
adapalene	<b>Differin</b>	℞ 0.1%	crn <sup>6</sup>	<b>Children: Not established.</b> <b>Adults:</b> Apply thin film to affected areas once daily after washing. Reduce frequency or discontinue if prolonged or severe irritation occurs.
		OTC 0.1%	gel <sup>6</sup>	
		℞ 0.3%	gel <sup>6</sup>	
		℞ 0.1%	lotion	

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<b>RETINOIDS (continued)</b>				
tazarotene	<b>Arazlo</b>	Rx 0.045%	lotion	<b>Adults and Children: &lt;9yrs: Not established. ≥9yrs:</b> apply a thin film to affected areas once daily. <i>Women of childbearing potential:</i> begin therapy during normal menses.
	<b>Fabior</b>	Rx 0.1%	foam	<b>Children: Not recommended. Adults:</b> 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.
	<b>Tazorac</b>	Rx 0.05%*, 0.1%	crm, gel	<b>Children &lt;12yrs: Not established. Adults:</b> Apply thin film of 0.1% strength to lesions on clean, dry face once daily in the PM. <i>Women of childbearing potential:</i> Begin therapy during normal menses.
tretinoin	<b>Altreno</b>	Rx 0.05%	lotion <sup>4</sup>	<b>Adults and Children: &lt;9yrs: Not established. ≥9yrs:</b> apply thin layer to affected areas once daily. Reduce frequency or discontinue if severe irritation occurs.
	<b>Atralin</b>	Rx 0.05%	gel <sup>2,4</sup>	<b>&lt;10yrs: Not recommended. ≥10yrs:</b> Apply sparingly at bedtime to clean skin once daily. Adjust amount and frequency as tolerated.
	<b>Avita</b>	Rx 0.025%	crm, gel	<b>Children: Not recommended. Adults:</b> Apply sparingly to clean, dry skin once daily at bedtime. If irritation develops, adjust dose or frequency as tolerated and needed.
	<b>Retin-A</b>	Rx 0.025%, 0.05%, 0.1% 0.01%, 0.025%	crm gel <sup>1</sup>	
	<b>Retin-A Micro</b>	Rx 0.04%, 0.08%, 0.1%	aqueous gel	
trifarotene	<b>Aklief</b>	Rx 0.005%	crm	<b>&lt;9yrs: Not established. ≥9yrs:</b> Apply a thin layer to affected areas once daily in the PM. <i>Face:</i> 1 pump actuation. <i>Upper trunk:</i> 2 pump actuations; may use 1 additional pump actuation for middle and lower back, if needed.
<b>COMBINATION AGENTS</b>				
adapalene/ benzoyl peroxide	<b>Epiduo Forte Gel</b>	Rx 0.3%/2.5%	gel	<b>Children: Not established. Adults:</b> 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.
	<b>Epiduo Gel</b>	Rx 0.1%/2.5%	gel	<b>&lt;9yrs: Not established. ≥9yrs:</b> 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	<b>Acanya</b>	Rx 1.2%/2.5%	gel	<b>Children: Not recommended. Adults:</b> Apply pea-sized amount in a thin layer to clean, dry face once daily. Wash hands after use.
	<b>Benzaclin</b>	Rx 1%/5%	gel	<b>Children: Not recommended. Adults:</b> Apply twice daily
	<b>Duac</b>	Rx 1%/5%	gel	<b>Children: Not recommended. Adults:</b> Apply to clean, dry skin once daily in the evening
	<b>Onexton</b>	Rx 1.2%/ 3.75%	gel	<b>Children: Not established. Adults:</b> Apply a pea-sized amount once daily
clindamycin/ tretinoin	<b>Ziana</b>	Rx 1.2%/0.025%	gel	<b>Children: Not recommended. Adults:</b> Apply thin film to clean, dry face once daily at bedtime
erythromycin/ benzoyl peroxide	<b>Benzamycin</b>	Rx 3%/5%	gel	<b>Children: Not recommended. Adults:</b> Apply to clean, dry skin twice daily

## NOTES

\*Only 0.1% indicated for mild to moderate acne vulgaris

<sup>1</sup>contains cetearyl alcohol; <sup>2</sup>contains parabens; <sup>3</sup>contains alcohol; <sup>4</sup>contains benzyl alcohol; <sup>5</sup>contains isopropyl alcohol; <sup>6</sup>alcohol-free  
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