



Acnecare

Salicylic Acid 0.5% (w/w) Gel

Presentation

Acnecare: Salicylic Acid is a keratolytic agent, derivative of benzoic acid containing Salicylic Acid 0.5% w/w USP.

Pharmacological Properties

Salicylic Acid has been shown to produce desquamation of the horny layer of skin while not effecting qualitative or quantitative changes in the structure of the viable epidermis. Peak serum levels occurred within five hours of the topical application. The major metabolites are salicyluric acid, salicylate glucuronides and free Salicylic Acid. Almost 95% of a single dose of salicylate is excreted within 24 hours of its entrance into the extracellular space. 50-80% of salicylate is bound to albumin.

Indications

Acne, Seborrheic Dermatitis, Psoriasis, Hyperkeratosis, Tinea Versicolor, Viral Warts etc.

Dosage and Application

For Acne

Adults and children (>2 years) - Apply Salicylic Acid preparation 1-3 times daily. Initially, apply once daily and then gradually increase to 2 or 3 times daily if necessary. If dryness or peeling occurs, reduce application to once daily or every other day.

For Psoriasis

Adults and children (>2 years) - Use the gel one time a day.

For Common Warts

Adults and children (>2 years) - Use the gel one time a day.

How to Use

Cleanse and dry the affected area prior to topical application. Apply a thin layer of appropriate salicylic acid preparation to affected areas.

Contraindications

Salicylic Acid should not be used in any patient known to be sensitive to Salicylic Acid or any other ingredients. Salicylic Acid should not be used in children under 2 years of age.

Precautions

When using Salicylic Acid, do not use any of the following preparations on the same affected area as Salicylic Acid, unless otherwise directed by your doctor

- ❖ Abrasive soaps or cleansers
- ❖ Alcohol-containing preparations
- ❖ Any other topical acne preparation or preparation containing a peeling agent (for example benzoyl peroxide, resorcinol, sulfur or tretinoin)
- ❖ Cosmetics or soaps that dry the skin
- ❖ Other topical medicine for the skin

Salicylic Acid Gel is for external use only. Avoid getting Salicylic Acid Gel in the eyes, nose, or mouth, or in the genitals. If contact with your eyes occurs, flush with water for 15 minutes. Do not inhale the vapors of Salicylic Acid Gel.

Side Effects

Salicylic Acid does not have significant side effects. It is less irritating than benzoyl peroxide. The most common side effect of salicylic Acid is mild skin dryness. If it causes mild irritation, try to decrease the frequency of use. If irritation is severe or persists, even with infrequent application, discontinue the use. Other side effects are peeling, red, or scaling skin, rash, hives, itching, swelling of the mouth, face, lips, or tongue etc.

Drug Interactions

Salicylic Acid may interfere with Sulfonyleureas, Methotrexate, Oral Anticoagulants, Corticosteroids, Heparin, Pyrazinamide and Uricosuric Agents etc.

Use in Pregnancy and Lactation

Salicylic Acid has been assigned to pregnancy category-C by the FDA. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Salicylic Acid should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus. There are no data on the excretion of salicylic acid into human milk.

Storage Conditions

Store in a cool and dry place away from light. Keep out of reach of children.

Commercial Pack

Acnecare: Each tube contains 10 gm gel. Each gm of gel contains 0.005 gm of Salicylic Acid USP.

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