

Important information for patients using EFUDIX® (fluorouracil)

This leaflet is provided to help you understand and apply your EFUDIX® in a way that will provide the best possible results.



Treat the areas indicated by your doctor

How do I apply EFUDIX?

1. EFUDIX should be applied according to your doctor's instructions. Normally twice each day for the period of time recommended by your doctor.
2. Apply EFUDIX with your finger. Mornings and evenings are the best times, but not at bedtime as contact with pillows may cause undesirable spreading.
3. Apply a thin layer of EFUDIX to the affected areas of your skin. Be careful to avoid contact with your eyes, nostrils and lips. **Be sure to wash your hands after applying.**
4. Use with care in the area between the nose and cheek since EFUDIX may irritate the fold around the nostril.

What will happen when I use EFUDIX?

EFUDIX is very effective in treating your skin condition. During treatment be prepared for some major changes to your skin's condition. In fact you will probably look worse before you get better - this is a sign that **EFUDIX is working.**

For example you may see the treated areas and surrounds become inflamed with the first week of treatment, followed by blistering, peeling and cracking within the next week. Occasionally this may be accompanied by weeping sores and some discomfort - don't be alarmed as this is a sign that **EFUDIX is working.**

Expected progress

Week 1 - mild redness or minimum reaction.

Weeks 2 to 3 - red, crusted, possibly uncomfortable.

During/end of Week 3 - see your doctor - usually EFUDIX is ceased, however, some patients need treatment up to 6 weeks.

Weeks 4 to 6 - Recovery - may be pink for 1 to 10 weeks (this can be covered with foundation).

However if you become concerned, please seek advice from your doctor.

Important things for you to remember

1. Avoid excessive sunlight.
2. EFUDIX is a powerful medication and must be used as directed.
3. EFUDIX has been prescribed for **your specific skin condition** - do NOT give it to anyone else, even if they seem to have a similar problem they may, in fact, have something quite different.
4. Do not use cosmetics or other skin medication on treated areas without first obtaining your doctor's approval. You can get your face wet in the shower (no swimming).
5. EFUDIX is NOT to be used by women who are pregnant. If pregnancy occurs during treatment, immediately stop applying EFUDIX and consult your doctor.
6. You should be seeing your doctor 3-4 weeks after starting treatment. Please make a follow-up appointment.

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