LET'S TALK ABOUT ACNE

What is it?

How to treat?

What to expect?

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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SO WHY EPIDUO® FORTE
(ADAPALENE AND BENZOYL PEROXIDE) GEL, 0.3%/2.5%?

Because treating tough acne like yours is our forte. Everyone’s skin is different. What works for others may not work for you. It can be frustrating trying one treatment after another and not seeing the results. If you’re ready to invest in your skin for now and the future, we’re ready to help!

THE TYPE OF ACNE YOU HAVE NEEDS A STRONG TREATMENT THAT’S BOTH SAFE AND EFFECTIVE.

That’s why Epiduo Forte Gel might work for you. It is antibiotic free and applied right to your skin. And it combines two powerful medicines in one: benzoyl peroxide and adapalene.

One 45-gram PUMP equals a 3-month supply of Epiduo Forte Gel (shown with product image).

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WHAT’S IN THE PUMP?

The unique combination and strength of Benzoyl Peroxide and higher strength Adapalene sets Epiduo Forte Gel apart from other acne treatments.

**BENZOYL PEROXIDE**
- Kills bacteria that lead to painful bumps and blemishes

**ADAPALENE**
- Unclogs pores, stops acne from forming under the skin’s surface
- Decreases inflammation

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With Epiduo® Forte (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) Gel, 0.3%/2.5% Gel, fitting your acne treatment into your daily routine is simple. It’s a once-a-day treatment that can be used at any time.

YOUR SKIN CARE ROUTINE
• Use a small amount of Epiduo Forte Gel, about the size of a pea, and spread a thin layer over each of the affected areas of your face (forehead, chin, and each cheek). Avoid the areas around your eyes and lips.
• Wash your hands after you apply the medicine. Wait for gel to dry completely before changing clothes.
• And remember: adding more Epiduo Forte Gel won’t speed up the process.
• Apply a gentle moisturizer during the day, preferably one with SPF protection, like Cetaphil® DermaControl Oil Absorbing Moisturizer SPF 30.

WHEN TO USE?
You decide how Epiduo Forte Gel best fits into your schedule based on your doctor’s directions. Making Epiduo Forte Gel part of your routine may help you stick with treatment and get better results.

REMEMBER, IT’S IMPORTANT YOU FOLLOW YOUR DOCTOR’S INSTRUCTIONS. DO YOUR PART TO HELP YOUR SKIN LOOK AND FEEL BETTER.

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YOUR SKIN CARE ROUTINE

Follow these steps once a day (or night):

STEP ONE

CLEANSE

- Wash your face with a gentle, non-soap cleanser like Cetaphil® DermaControl Foam Wash or a wash recommended by your dermatologist.
- Pat with a soft towel, but don’t scrub.

STEP TWO

APPLY EPIDUO FORTE GEL

- Use a small amount of Epiduo Forte Gel, about the size of a pea, and spread a thin layer over each of the affected areas of your face (forehead, chin, and each cheek). Avoid the areas around your eyes and lips.
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STEP THREE

PROTECT AND MOISTURIZE

- Apply a gentle moisturizer during the day, preferably one with SPF protection, like Cetaphil® DermaControl Oil Absorbing Moisturizer SPF 30.
WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

You have high standards for your treatment. And so do we. But there is no miracle cure for acne. Clearer skin takes teamwork between you and your doctor, the right medicine for you, and the commitment to stick with your skin care routine. The following should help with questions you may have while using Epiduo® Forte Gel.

**Baseline**

**Week Twelve**

**Subject:** 8423-005  |  **Age:** 23  |  **Gender:** Female
**Ethnicity:** African American  |  **Baseline FST:** V

**Baseline**

**Week Twelve**

**Subject:** 8423-017  |  **Age:** 17  |  **Gender:** Male
**Ethnicity:** Caucasian  |  **Baseline FST:** II

**Baseline**

**Week Twelve**

**Subject:** 8423-007  |  **Age:** 18  |  **Gender:** Female
**Ethnicity:** Caucasian  |  **Baseline FST:** IV
You have high standards for your treatment. And so do we. The following should help with questions you may have while teamwork between you and your doctor, the right medicine for Gel according to your doctor's:

**Epiduo Forte means you need to keep treating it. Remember, even if your skin looks**

**from forming!**

**As you may know, acne is a condition that can come back. That**

**Epiduo Forte**

**and benzoyl peroxide) Gel, 0.3%/2.5% is indicated**

**Warning/Precautions:**

**During the first 4 weeks of treatment and usually lessen with continued**

**Skin irritation may be strongest during the first two weeks of using Epiduo Forte Gel, but the irritation typically calms down after 4 weeks. The higher concentration of the retinoid, adapalene, in Epiduo Forte Gel works to help reduce the inflammation and redness associated with moderate to severe inflammatory acne. However, some users may experience redness, itching, dryness and stinging/burning when using Epiduo Forte Gel. You should talk to your doctor about any concerns you may have while on treatment. Your doctor may also recommend a regimen that includes specific cleansers and moisturizers to help with the itching, pain and redness.**

**You should minimize your exposure to sunlight and sunlamps while on Epiduo Forte Gel, especially if you have an established sensitivity to the sun. If you are in the sun, use a “non-comedogenic” (won’t clog your pores) sunscreen and wear protective clothing over treated areas.**

**Many subjects saw improvement after 1 week, and improvement continued throughout 12 weeks of treatment. And you may not realize it, but the medicine works below the surface of the skin. So stick with your skin care routine to help prevent future pimples from forming!**

**As you may know, acne is a condition that can come back. That means you need to keep treating it. Remember, even if your skin looks better, continue using Epiduo Forte Gel according to your doctor’s instructions. Hang in there. You’re on your way to clearer skin.**

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WHAT SHOULD I AVOID WHILE USING EPIDUO FORTE GEL?

- You should avoid spending time in sunlight or artificial sunlight, such as tanning beds or sunlamps. EPIDUO FORTE Gel can make your skin sensitive to sun and the light from tanning beds and sunlamps. You should use sunscreen and wear a hat and clothes that cover the areas treated with EPIDUO FORTE Gel if you have to be in the sunlight.
- You should avoid wearing sunscreen and apply EPIDUO FORTE Gel to areas that will be exposed to sunlight.
- You should avoid applying EPIDUO FORTE Gel to cuts, abrasions and sunburned skin.
- You should avoid skin products that may dry or irritate your skin such as medicated or harsh soaps, astringents, cosmetics that have strong skin drying effects and products containing high levels of alcohol, spices or limes.
- You should avoid the use of "waxing" as a hair removal method on skin treated with EPIDUO FORTE Gel.
- EPIDUO FORTE Gel may bleach your clothes or hair. Allow EPIDUO FORTE Gel to dry completely before dressing to prevent bleaching of your clothes.

WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY DOCTOR BEFORE USING EPIDUO FORTE GEL?

Before you use EPIDUO FORTE Gel, tell your doctor if you:

- have other skin problems, including cuts or sunburn.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. It is not known if EPIDUO FORTE Gel can harm your unborn baby. Talk to your doctor if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.
- have any other skin problems, including cuts or sunburn.

Tell your doctor about all of the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements. Using other topical acne products may increase the irritation of your skin when used with EPIDUO FORTE Gel.

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WHO IS EPIDUO FORTE GEL FOR?

EPIDUO FORTE Gel is for use in people 12 years of age and older. It is not known if EPIDUO FORTE Gel is safe and effective for children younger than 12 years old. Do not use EPIDUO FORTE Gel for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give EPIDUO FORTE Gel to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

WHAT IS EPIDUO FORTE GEL?

EPIDUO FORTE Gel is a prescription medicine used on the skin (topical) to treat acne vulgaris. Acne vulgaris is a condition in which the skin has blackheads, whiteheads and pimples.

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WHERE SHOULD I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EPIDUO FORTE GEL?

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WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON SIDE EFFECTS OF EPIDUO FORTE GEL?

EPIDUO FORTE Gel may cause serious side effects including:

- Local skin reactions. Local skin reactions are most likely to happen during the first 4 weeks of treatment and usually lessen with continued use of EPIDUO FORTE Gel. Signs and symptoms of local skin reaction include:
  - Redness
  - Dryness
  - Scaling
  - Stinging or burning

Tell your doctor right away if these side effects continue for longer than 4 weeks or get worse; you may have to stop using EPIDUO FORTE Gel.

These are not all of the possible side effects of EPIDUO FORTE Gel. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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HOW SHOULD I USE EPIDUO FORTE GEL?

- Use EPIDUO FORTE Gel exactly as your doctor tells you to use it. EPIDUO FORTE Gel is for use on the skin only (topical). Do not use EPIDUO FORTE Gel in or on your mouth, eyes or vagina.
- Apply EPIDUO FORTE Gel 1 time a day.
- Do not use more EPIDUO FORTE Gel than you need to cover the treatment area. Using too much EPIDUO FORTE Gel or using it more than 1 time a day may increase your chance of skin irritation.

APPLYING EPIDUO FORTE GEL:

- Wash the area where the Gel will be applied with a mild or soapless cleanser and pat dry.
- EPIDUO FORTE Gel comes in a pump. Depress the pump to dispense a small amount (about the size of a pea) of EPIDUO FORTE Gel and spread a thin layer over the affected area.
- Wash your hands after applying the Gel.

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**Introducing myForte.**

Introducing the myForte app. Sticking with a consistent skin care routine can be difficult. That’s where myForte comes in. The app helps you stay on track each day.

- Learn how to use your Epiduo® Forte Gel treatment
- Track your progress with photos and share with your dermatologist
- Receive daily skin care and lifestyle tips
- Stay motivated with reminders.

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**Download today and get started!**

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**Epiduo Forte Gel** is now offered at $0 co-pay for eligible patients with Galderma CareConnect Card.*

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