

## **ACZONE GEL**

Aczone gel is a topical medication used for the treatment of acne and various other skin conditions. Aczone is the topical form of an oral medication called dapsone. Dapsone was very effective in the treatment of acne, but it was more difficult to use because of the need to monitor laboratory tests. Topical Aczone gel does not have any internal side effects because the medication is not taken orally.

Acne is generally a combination of two problems, comedones (whiteheads and blackheads) and inflammation, redness, and irritation. Aczone is a medication which can work on both, but has an excellent benefit against the pimple-like lesions that are present.

Aczone can be used in patients who are either new to acne treatment or are not satisfied with the current treatment of their acne. It can be used in people with a few whiteheads and blackheads (mild acne) or people with a lot of zits and bumps (moderate-to-severe acne).

Aczone is easy to use and only needs to be applied once per day. Most patients do not experience any side effects. As you many know, many topical acne medications can be drying. Aczone is normally less drying than these medications and is very well tolerated overall. Potential side effects include slight redness, dryness, stinging, and burning. Even if these problems would develop, they tend to be mild and the irritation usually goes away by itself.

In order to avoid any potential dryness, I usually recommend patients start the Aczone gel every other day for a period of one to two weeks and then increase it to once per day. In some cases, it is used every night, in other cases it is used every other night alternating with a different acne medicine. Many people see noticeable improvement in their skin in a short time, but it may take a few weeks. Please continue with the treatment since Aczone gel can eliminate the current lesions and can prevent new outbreaks.

Aczone gel can help many patients with acne. It seems to be very effective in women who have acne, particularly on the lower parts of the cheeks, jawline, and neck.

In summary, Aczone is a medication for acne that is very effective. The active ingredient is not found in any other acne medications, so it is a unique product. Please follow my directions in using this medication since every patient's problem is different and the treatment will be individualized to your case.

If you have any other questions about this medication, please ask before you leave the office.