



Efudix (5-Fluorouracil) Patient Information Sheet

What is Efudix?

Efudix is a prescription cream used to treat **precancerous skin conditions**, such as:

- **Actinic keratosis** (sun-damaged skin spots)
- Certain superficial skin cancers

It works by **destroying abnormal skin cells**.

How to Use Efudix

1. **Wash and dry** the affected area before applying.
2. **Apply a thin layer** of cream to the affected skin.
3. **Frequency:** Usually **once or twice daily**, as prescribed by your doctor.
4. **Treatment duration:** Typically **2–4 weeks**, depending on the condition.
5. **Wash your hands** after applying.

Avoid covering treated areas unless instructed by your doctor.

What to Expect

- **Redness, swelling, burning, or irritation** is normal.
- **Crusting or peeling** may occur as your skin heals.
- **Healing reactions** often indicate that the medicine is working.

Precautions

- Avoid **eyes, mouth, and mucous membranes**.
- Avoid applying to broken or infected skin unless directed.
- Avoid sun exposure and use **sunscreen** on treated areas.
- Inform your doctor if you are **pregnant, breastfeeding, or have a weakened immune system**.

When to Contact Your Doctor

- Severe pain, redness, or swelling
- Signs of **infection** (pus, fever)
- Allergic reactions (rash, swelling, difficulty breathing)
- If your skin condition **worsens or does not improve**

Storage

- Keep in the **original tube at room temperature**, away from children.
- Do not use after the **expiry date**.
