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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.
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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**.
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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**
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Storage

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