

# Fluorouracil Cream 5% (Efudex)

## How should I apply the cream?

Apply fluorouracil cream to \_\_\_\_\_, as told by your doctor \_\_\_\_\_ times a day for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.

## What can I do to help with redness, irritation, and swelling?

After the Fluorouracil cream is absorbed into skin (approx 1 hour) the following tips may help:

-Soak the area with a cool damp washcloth for 5-10 minutes, 2-3 times daily.

-Use Vaseline or Aquaphor as a moisturizer to dry or cracked areas. Apply as much as you like, but be sure to remove it before the next Efudex application.

## What can I expect my skin to look like during the treatment?

The pictures below show how the skin will likely look during the treatment. The first week you may see slight redness. Weeks 2-4 you will see redness, swelling and crusting. You may also feel itching, burning and soreness. These are all normal side effects that mean the medication is working. Avoid sun exposure as much as possible while using the medication.

## When should I call my doctor?

If you experience:

- Fever
- Chills
- Open sores

Call and speak with one of our nurses at : (904) 420-7372

