

# Aczone (dapson) basics

**Treats acne.** Aczone (dapson) is a highly safe and effective topical treatment for moderate to severe forms of acne, but may be expensive.

## What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.



\* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

## Tips from pharmacists

- For topical external use only. Don't apply to mouth, eyes, or vagina.
- Wash and dry skin prior to application of Aczone (dapson).
- Apply approximately a pea-sized amount of Aczone (dapson) to acne-affected twice daily (5% gel) or once daily (7.5% gel). If no improvement in acne is seen within 12 weeks, therapy with Aczone (dapson) should be reconsidered.
- Don't keep Aczone (dapson) in the freezer.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Low red blood cell count

Aczone (dapson) may cause a rare condition called methemoglobinemia, which will result in lowering of your red blood cell count. This condition is more likely if you have glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD) deficiency in your red blood cells. Seek medical help immediately if you notice your lips or nails turning blue.

### Other effects on blood cells

Aczone (dapson) may result in lowering of red and white blood cell counts. Use of Aczone (dapson) should be avoided if you are taking oral Dapsone, antimalarial medications, or the antibiotic, Bactrim.