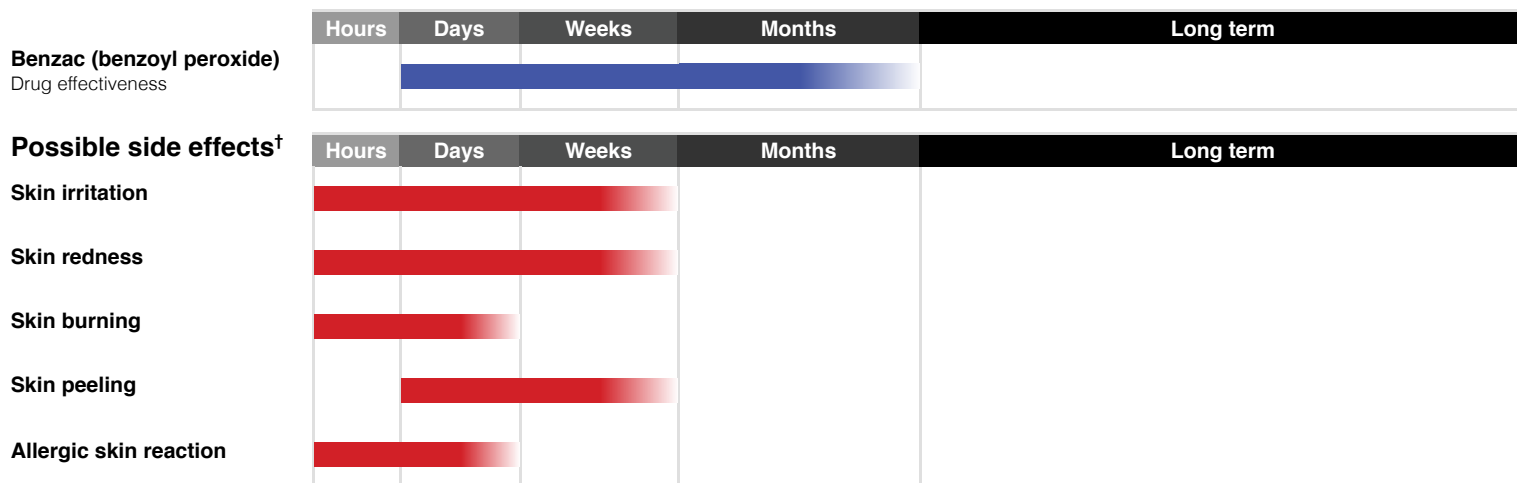


Benzac (benzoyl peroxide) basics

Treats acne. Benzac (benzoyl peroxide) is the most effective over-the-counter treatment for mild acne.

What to expect when starting

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



† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Wash your hands before and after use.
- When using the soap or cleanser formulation, apply to the affected area twice a day. Using more than twice a day can irritate your skin.
- When using the gel or cream formulation, apply a thin layer on the affected area. You may put on moisturizer or makeup once Benzac (benzoyl peroxide) has dried.
- Benzac (benzoyl peroxide) can make your skin more sensitive to sunlight. Make sure to wear sunscreen and protective clothing when going out. Avoid excessive sun exposure and tanning beds.
- You should shake the foam and lotion every time you use it. The foam product will need to be primed before you first use it.
- Let your doctor about any signs of dryness, peeling, or rashes on your skin.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Bleaching

Benzac (benzoyl peroxide) can bleach your hair and clothes. Avoid the hairline when applying to face. Wash your hands afterwards to avoid staining or discoloring fabric and clothing.

Skin irritation

Benzac (benzoyl peroxide) may cause skin redness, burning, peeling, or swelling. Speak to your doctor if the irritation is bothersome or does not go away.

Allergic reaction

In some rare cases, Benzac (benzoyl peroxide) can cause a serious allergic reaction. Stop using it and speak to your doctor right away if you experience rashes or hives, fever, swelling, or trouble breathing.