

Dermotic (fluocinolone) basics

Treats skin irritation in and around the ear. Dermotic (fluocinolone) is the only medication used to treat irritated skin in your ear that isn't caused by an infection. You can only use it for a couple weeks at a time though.

What to expect when starting

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

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Dermotic (fluocinolone) Drug effectiveness	[Blue bar spanning Hours, Days, and Weeks]				
Possible side effects†	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Allergic reaction	[Red bar spanning Hours and Days]				
Immune and inflammatory suppression			[Red bar spanning Weeks]		

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Use Dermotic (fluocinolone) only for the exact amount of time your doctor tells you.
- You might notice a burning sensation, itching, or skin dryness when you use Dermotic (fluocinolone). This should go away once you stop using the drug.
- Make sure the tip of the Dermotic (fluocinolone) bottle doesn't touch your skin or any other surface since it could cause another infection in your ear.
- Wash your hands before and after using Dermotic (fluocinolone).
- To use Dermotic (fluocinolone), tilt your head, gently pull your ear upward and toward the back of your head, and then place 5 drops into your ear canal. Keep your head tilted for at least a minute to allow the medicine to soak in.
- If any of the medicine leaks out of the ear, gently pat the skin dry using a clean cotton ball.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Allergic reaction

Dermotic (fluocinolone) is made with peanut oil. People with peanut allergies have reported having allergic reactions while using Dermotic (fluocinolone). If you're allergic to peanuts, tell your doctor since they'll need to prescribe you something else.

Suppression of immune and inflammatory reactions

People who have been using Dermotic (fluocinolone) for a long time are more likely to get ear infections, have increased blood sugars, and gain weight. Only use Dermotic (fluocinolone) for the period of time your doctor tells you.

Skin sensitivity

People who are sensitive to Dermotic (fluocinolone) may notice that their ears aren't getting better after using it for at least 7 days. Talk to your doctor if this happens.