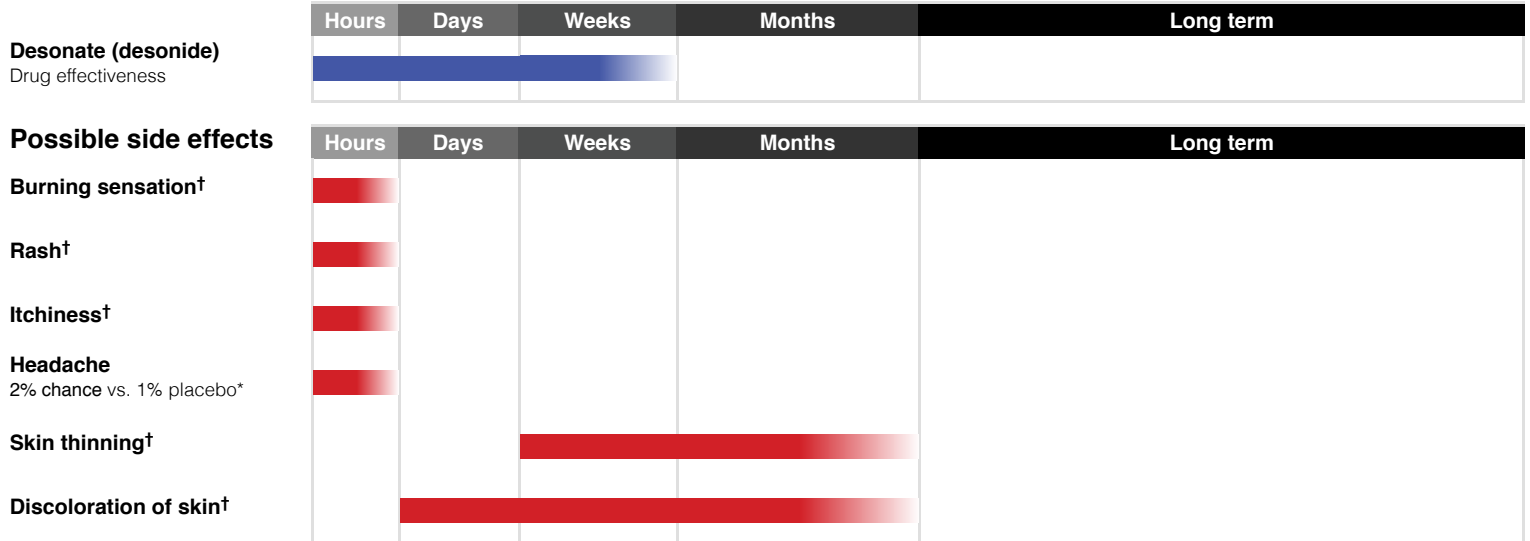


Desonate (desonide) basics

Treats itchy, red, and dry skin rashes. Desonate (desonide) is a cheap and effective topical treatment for mild skin rashes, but may not treat more serious skin conditions.

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

- Don't apply on open wounds.
- Only apply a thin layer of Desonate (desonide) to the affected area(s) on your skin.
- Use Desonate (desonide) for the least amount of time possible and don't exceed 4 weeks at a time unless instructed by your doctor.
- Don't use a bandage or dressings where you apply Desonate (desonide).
- Avoid contact with your eyes, mouth, anus, and vagina when applying Desonate (desonide).

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Reduced hormone production

Using Desonate (desonide) at high doses, for long periods of time, or in children can cause the body to make less of certain hormones that are important for many bodily functions. Use Desonate (desonide) as directed by your doctor. Avoid using this medication longer than 2 weeks. Children may need regular growth checks after taking this medication.

Skin infection

Desonate (desonide) can decrease your body's ability to fight infections, so it should be stopped if a skin infection occurs.

Skin reaction

People taking excessive amounts of Desonate (desonide) or using it for a long time have had skin reactions, including skin thinning, stretch marks, spider veins, burning, itching, irritation, dryness, inflammation of hair follicles, pustules, changes in skin color, infection, and rashes.