

# Fabior (tazarotene) basics

**Treats acne in people age 12 and older.** Fabior (tazarotene) is the most effective medication for treating acne compared to other alternatives, but it can be very expensive and also causes the most skin irritation.

## 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

- Before applying Fabior (tazarotene), make sure to clean your skin and dry it well. Shake the bottle first before using and wash your hands after you finish applying the medication.
- Place a thin layer of Fabior (tazarotene) once every evening on the affected area(s) only and gently rub it in. Do not put on areas of damaged skin. Also, don't put any covering or dressing over the treated areas, unless your doctor says it is ok.
- Avoid letting the medication come into contact with your mouth and eyes. If you accidentally get it into your eyes, rinse them well with water.
- This medication can catch on fire. Do not use near an open flame or while smoking.
- You should avoid being in the sun for long periods of time. Also, don't use sunlamps or tanning salons while you are on Fabior (tazarotene). Wear sunscreen every day.
- Common side effects include peeling, redness, and burning, but if they bother you too much, talk to your doctor. You might need to use the medication less often or stop it temporarily until your skin goes back to normal.

## Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

### Sensitivity to light

Your skin is more likely to become sunburned while you're using Fabior (tazarotene). Avoid being in the sun for long periods of time and using tanning beds. Apply sunblock and wear protective clothing if you are going to be out in the sun. If you currently have a sunburn, wait until your skin is fully recovered before applying Fabior (tazarotene). Talk to your doctor to see if this is the right

### Skin irritation

Fabior (tazarotene) can cause skin irritation including peeling, dryness, itching, and burning. This will make your skin more sensitive to cold or windy weather. Avoid using make-up or other medications that can dry out your skin. Also, don't apply Fabior (tazarotene) to areas of the skin that have cuts, scrapes, or with eczema. If the irritation gets worse over time or doesn't go

### Harm to fetus (unborn baby)

Fabior (tazarotene) should not be used if you are pregnant since it can potentially harm your unborn baby. Your doctor will have you take a pregnancy test to make sure it is negative within 2 weeks of you starting Fabior (tazarotene). It is also important for you to be on an effective form of birth control while using Fabior (tazarotene).

you are also taking other medications that increase your skin's sensitivity to light.

advised to use Fabior (tazarotene) less often or stop it temporarily until your skin heals.