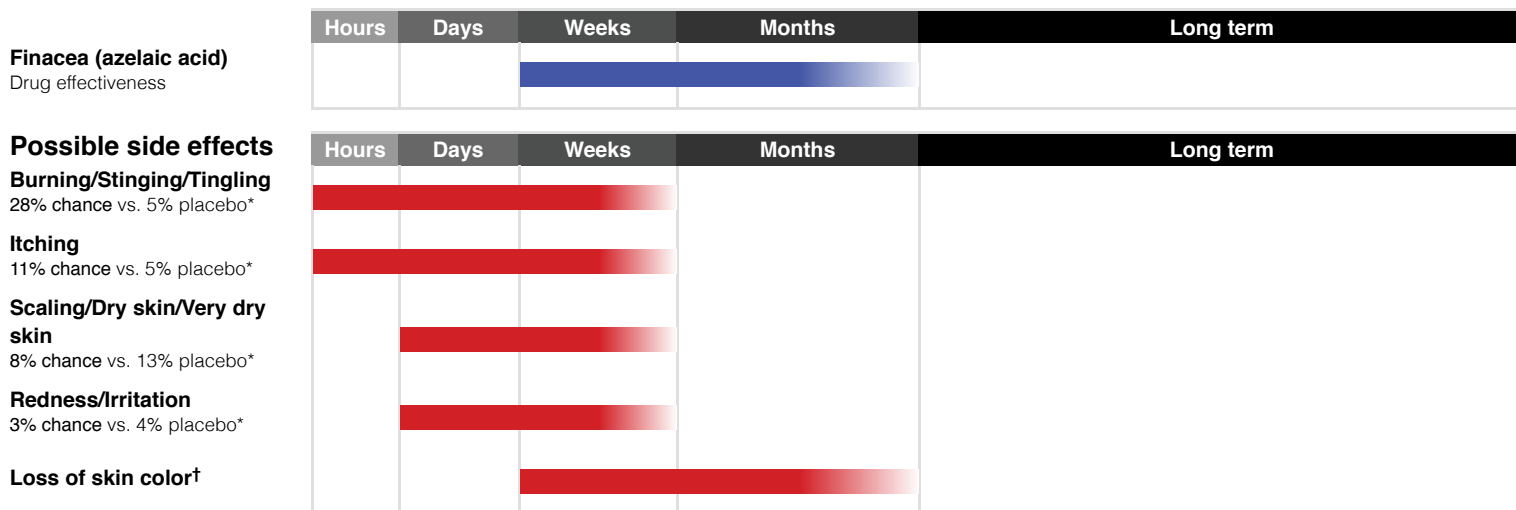


Finacea (azelaic acid) basics

Treats rosacea. Finacea (azelaic acid) helps treat raised spots and pimple-like bumps that come from rosacea, but only provides slight redness improvement. Talk to your doctor if you are concerned about the redness from rosacea.

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

- Speak to your doctor before you use other products on your skin. Using other products alongside Finacea (azelaic acid) can cause more irritation.
- Avoid products that can be too harsh or drying on your skin, such as those that contain alcohol, astringents and peeling agents.
- You should avoid the common triggers of rosea, including: sunlight, very cold or warm weather, hot drinks and spicy foods. Speak to your doctor for a complete list of triggers.
- Before applying Finacea (azelaic acid), wash the area to be treated with a mild cleanser and pat dry.
- Continue using as directed, even if your symptoms get better.
- You may wear makeup once Finacea (azelaic acid) has dried on the skin.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Allergic reactions

Stop taking Finacea (azelaic acid) and speak to your doctor right away if you experience shortness of breath, swelling of the face, hives, or rashes. This could be a sign of an allergic reaction.

Loss of skin color

Finacea (azelaic acid) can cause loss of skin color, either in blotches or spots. The loss of skin color is more noticeable if you have a darker complexion. But this is rare. Let your doctor know if you notice any changes in skin color.

Skin irritation

Finacea (azelaic acid) can cause dryness, itching, scaling, or stinging during the first few weeks of treatment. Speak to your doctor if the irritation does not go away or if it is very bothersome.