

Taclonex (calcipotriene / betamethasone) basics

Treats plaque psoriasis. Taclonex (calcipotriene / betamethasone) is effective at treating mild to moderate psoriasis but can cause 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.

	Hours	Days	Weeks	Months	Long term
Taclonex (calcipotriene / betamethasone) Drug effectiveness			[Blue bar spanning Weeks and Months]		
Possible side effects†					
Itching		[Red bar spanning Days, Weeks, Months]			
Skin redness		[Red bar spanning Days, Weeks, Months]			
Burning sensation		[Red bar spanning Days, Weeks, Months]			
Skin peeling		[Red bar spanning Days, Weeks, Months]			
Psoriasis		[Red bar spanning Days, Weeks, Months]			
Thinning of the skin			[Red bar spanning Weeks and Months]		

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Your doctor will check you for skin infections where you have psoriasis. Any skin infections will need to be treated before you start Taclonex (calcipotriene / betamethasone).
- Let your doctor and pharmacist know if you are taking other steroids.
- Wash your hands before and after you use Taclonex (calcipotriene / betamethasone).
- You will need to shake the suspension and foam forms prior to using.
- If you are using this on the scalp, wait 12 hours before or after any chemical treatments to your hair.
- Do not cover any affected area with bandages or dressings.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Raised calcium levels

Taclonex (calcipotriene / betamethasone) can cause high calcium levels in your blood or urine, especially if you have trouble with how your body processes calcium. Your doctor can do lab tests to check your calcium levels. Calcium levels usually return to normal once you stop using Taclonex (calcipotriene / betamethasone).

Adrenal gland problems

The adrenal glands are responsible for making your hormones. Taclonex (calcipotriene / betamethasone) can affect how well your adrenal glands work. Speak to your doctor about the signs and symptoms of adrenal gland problems. Make sure you use Taclonex (calcipotriene / betamethasone) as directed, not for more often or longer than you were told.

Allergic skin reaction

Some people can experience an allergic skin reaction to the ingredients in Taclonex (calcipotriene / betamethasone). Speak to your doctor if you develop a skin rash from using Taclonex (calcipotriene / betamethasone).