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**Generic name:** [salicylic acid topical](#) [ *SAL-i-SIL-ik-AS-id-TOP-ik-al* ]

**Brand names:** [Acnevir](#), CeraVe SA, Clean and Clear Blackhead Eraser Facial Scrub, [Compound W](#), Compound W One Step Plantar Pads, ... [show all 57 brands](#)

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## What is Duofilm?

Duofilm (for the skin) is used in the treatment of acne, [eczema](#), [dandruff](#), seborrhea or [psoriasis](#), corns, calluses, [warts](#) and prevent symptom recurrence.

Duofilm may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

## Duofilm side effects

**Duofilm can cause a serious allergic reaction or severe skin irritation.** Stop using Duofilm and get emergency medical help if you have: [wheezing](#) or trouble breathing, hives, [itching](#), feeling light-headed, or swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Also stop using Duofilm and call your doctor at once if you have:

- severe burning, stinging, peeling, dryness, or irritation after using this medicine.

**Common side effects of Duofilm may include:**

- [minor skin irritation](#), [rash](#), itching, stinging, dryness; or
- color changes in treated skin.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.



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## Warnings

**Duofilm can cause a serious allergic reaction or severe skin irritation.** Stop using this medicine and get emergency medical help if you have: hives, itching, wheezing or difficult breathing, feeling light-headed, or swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

## Before taking this medicine

You should not use Duofilm if you are allergic to it.

Ask a doctor or pharmacist if Duofilm is safe to use if you have:

- blood circulation problems;
- skin tenderness or redness;
- [diabetes](#); or
- liver or kidney disease.

**Ask a doctor before using this medicine if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.**

Using this medicine in a child or teenager with flu symptoms or [chickenpox](#) can cause **a serious or fatal condition called Reye's syndrome.**

## How should I use Duofilm?

Use exactly as directed on the label, or as prescribed by your doctor.

Duofilm is available in many different forms, such as liquid, gel, lotion, cream, ointment, foam, soap, shampoo, and cloth pads.

Do not switch brand forms without advice from your doctor or pharmacist.

Taking more than your recommended dose will not make this medicine more effective, and may cause serious side effects.

Do not take by mouth. Topical medicine is for use only on the skin.

Ask your doctor before using Duofilm if the condition covers a large area of the body.

**Do not bandage treated skin or expose it to heat.** Your skin may absorb the medicine, which could cause harmful effects.

Do not use Duofilm to treat any skin condition that has not been checked by your doctor.

Do not touch the tip of the ointment tube or place it directly on the skin. A contaminated tube can infect your skin.

Call your doctor if your symptoms do not improve, or if they get worse.

Shake the Duofilm **foam** well before each use. Turn the medicine canister upside down to dispense the foam.

Store Duofilm away from open flame or high heat. Do not puncture or burn an empty container.

Store this medicine in the original container at room temperature, away from moisture and heat.

 [Detailed Duofilm dosage information](#)

## What happens if I miss a dose?

Duofilm is used when needed. If you are on a dosing schedule, skip any missed dose. **Do not** use two doses at one time.

## What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222 if anyone has accidentally swallowed the medicine.

## What should I avoid while using Duofilm?

Ask a doctor or pharmacist before using over-the-counter medicines that may contain ingredients similar to Duofilm.

Avoid using Duofilm on open wounds or on sunburned, windburned, dry, or irritated skin.

Avoid getting this medicine in your eyes or mouth. **Rinse with water if this medicine gets in your eyes or mouth.**

Certain Duofilm products are flammable. Do not use near high heat or open flame. Do not smoke until the **gel** has completely dried on your skin.

Avoid using other medications on the areas you treat with Duofilm, unless your doctor tells you to.

## What other drugs will affect Duofilm?

Medicine used on the skin is not likely to be affected by other drugs you use, but many drugs can interact. Tell your doctor about all your current medicines, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#).

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Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use this medication only for the indication prescribed.

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