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Sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical

Generic name: sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical [*SUL-fa-SEET-a-mide-SOE-dee-um-and-SUL-fur-TOP-i-kal*]

Brand names: [Avar Cleanser](#), [Avar-E](#), [BP 10-Wash](#), Clenia Plus Green Tea and Aloe, [Plexion](#), ... [show all 53 brands](#)

Dosage forms: topical cream (10%-2%; 10%-5%; 9.8%-4.8%), topical emulsion (10%-1%), topical foam (10%-5%), ... [show all 8 dosage forms](#)

Drug class: [Topical antibiotics](#)



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What is sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical?

[Sulfacetamide sodium](#) and [sulfur](#) topical (for the skin) is a combination medicine that is used to treat acne, [rosacea](#), and [seborrheic dermatitis](#) (an inflammatory skin condition of the scalp) in adults and children at least 12 years old.

Sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction** (hives, difficult breathing, swelling in your face or throat) or **a severe skin reaction** (fever, [sore throat](#), burning eyes, skin pain, red or purple skin rash with blistering and peeling).

sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical may cause serious side effects. Stop using sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical and call your doctor at once if you have:

- skin irritation;
- [joint pain](#), swelling, or stiffness;
- **low blood cell counts**--fever, chills, tiredness, mouth sores, skin sores, easy bruising, unusual bleeding, pale skin, cold hands and feet, feeling light-headed or short of breath;
- **liver problems**--loss of appetite, [nausea](#), [vomiting](#), stomach pain (upper right side), tiredness, [itching](#), dark urine, clay-colored stools, [jaundice](#) (yellowing of the skin or eyes); or
- **new or worsening symptoms of lupus**--joint pain, and a skin rash on your cheeks or arms that worsens in sunlight.

Common side effects of sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical may include:

- dry skin;

- redness, scaly skin; or
- itching, stinging, burning, or irritation of 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

Use only as directed. Tell your doctor if you use other medicines or have other medical conditions or allergies.

Before taking this medicine

You should not use sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical if you are allergic to [sulfa drugs](#), or if you have kidney disease.

Tell your doctor if you have or have ever had:

- [systemic lupus erythematosus](#);
- low blood cell counts;
- [contact dermatitis](#); or
- [liver disease](#).

It is not known if sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical will harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

Ask a doctor if it is safe to breastfeed while using sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical.

How should I use sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical?

Follow all directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides or instruction sheets. Use the medicine exactly as directed.

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

Your dose needs may change if you switch to a different brand, strength, or form of this medicine. **Avoid medication errors by using exactly as directed on the label, or as prescribed by your doctor.**

Do not use this medicine more often than prescribed. Follow your doctor's dosing instructions very carefully.

Shake the sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical **liquid, lotion, foam, or suspension** well before each use.

Wash your hands before and after applying this medicine, unless you are using it to treat a hand condition.

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

Store tightly closed at room temperature, away from moisture and heat. Do not freeze.

Store the **foam** container upright and keep away from open flame or heat. Do not puncture or burn an empty canister.

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What happens if I miss a dose?

Use the medicine as soon as you can, but skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next 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.

Overdose symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, blood in your urine, or urinating less than usual.

What should I avoid while using sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical?

Avoid getting sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical in your eyes, inside the nose, or mouth. **Rinse with water if this medicine gets in your eyes, nose, or mouth.**

Avoid using this medicine on open wounds, severely burned areas, irritated or infected skin.

This medicine can stain clothing or other fabrics if it comes into contact with them.

Avoid using other medications on the areas you treat with sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical unless your doctor tells you to.

What other drugs will affect sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical?

Tell your doctor about all your other medicines, especially:

- if you use medicine that contains [silver](#) such as [silver sulfadiazine](#).

This list is not complete. Other drugs may affect sulfacetamide sodium and sulfur topical, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#). Not all possible [drug interactions](#) are listed here.

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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.

Always consult your healthcare provider to ensure the information displayed on this page applies to your personal circumstances.

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Availability

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CSA Schedule*

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