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Generic name: [metronidazole topical](#) [*MET-roe-NYE-da-zole*]

Brand names: [MetroCream](#), MetroGel, MetroGel Pump, [MetroLotion](#), [Noritate](#), [Rosadan](#)

Drug class: [Topical anti-rosacea agents](#)



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What is MetroGel?

MetroGel (for the skin) is used to treat skin lesions caused by [rosacea](#).

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

MetroGel side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction**: hives; difficulty breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

MetroGel may cause serious side effects. Call your doctor at once if you have:

- numbness, tingling, or burning pain in your hands or feet; or
- stinging or burning when you apply MetroGel.

Common side effects of MetroGel may include:

- burning or stinging;
- skin redness or irritation;
- dry, scaly, or [itchy skin](#); or
- [cold symptoms](#) such as stuffy nose, sneezing, [sore throat](#).

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.



[MetroGel side effects](#) (more detail)

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Follow all directions on your medicine label and package. Tell each of your healthcare providers about all your medical conditions, allergies, and all medicines you use.

Before taking this medicine

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

Tell your doctor if you have ever had:

- a nervous system disorder.

It is not known whether MetroGel will harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

You should not breastfeed while using MetroGel.

MetroGel is not approved for use by anyone younger than 18 years old.

How should I use MetroGel?

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.

Wash and gently dry your skin before applying MetroGel

Apply the medication in a thin layer and rub in completely. You may apply cosmetics after using MetroGel.

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

Use this medicine for the full prescribed length of time, even if your symptoms quickly improve. Skipping doses can increase your risk of [infection](#) that is resistant to medication.

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

Store at room temperature away from moisture or heat.

 [Detailed MetroGel dosage information](#)

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?

An overdose of MetroGel is not expected to be dangerous. 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 metronidazole topical?

Do not use MetroGel in the vagina.

Avoid getting MetroGel in your eyes.

What other drugs will affect MetroGel?

Medicine used on the skin is not likely to be affected by other drugs you use. But many drugs can interact with each other. Tell each of your healthcare providers about all medicines you use, including prescription and over-the-counter

medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#).

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Does MetroGel interact with my other drugs?

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Further information

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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 Risk data available

CSA Schedule*

N/A Not a controlled drug



Approval History

 Drug history at FDA



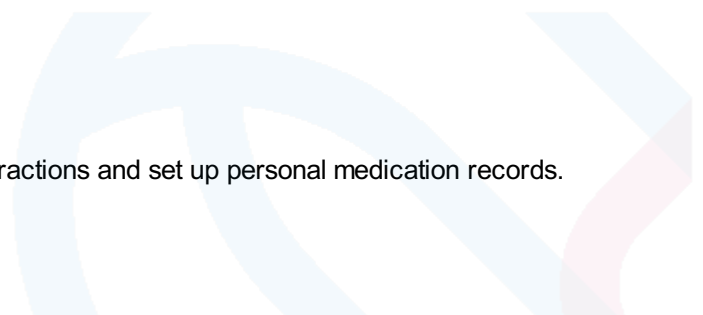
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