

TOPICAL CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT

A topical chemotherapy treatment has been prescribed to treat your precancerous lesion(s) called actinic keratoses and/or superficial skin cancer(s).

Apply your topical treatment to the areas of treatment as directed.

What to expect during your treatment:

Redness, irritation, scabbing, swelling and mild tenderness are all expected reactions to your topical chemotherapy treatment. Your reaction may increase in severity during the course of your treatment.

Shower daily or wash the treatment area gently to remove crusting.

For minor discomfort:

Take Tylenol or Ibuprofen, use ice or cool compresses, if needed apply Vaseline or Aquaphor 30-minutes after each application of your prescription medication.

Avoid shaving or applying make-up to the treatment area(s).

Stop using your topical chemotherapy prescription and call the office immediately if you have flu-like symptoms, fever, chills, blistering, severe irritation, severe pain or honey colored crusting.

Follow up options:

Start your topical chemotherapy treatment as directed, then follow up as recommended or after completion of the treatment outlined for evaluation of your response and clearance by your provider.

Depending on the severity of your response to the chemotherapy treatment and your healing process, your skin will return to a smoother, normal appearance after several weeks.