

## **INFORMATION FOR THE CONSUMER**

### DALACIN\* T

(clindamycin phosphate topical solution USP)

DALACIN T (clindamycin phosphate) belongs to the family of antibiotics. When applied to the skin in a solution it helps to control acne (pimples commonly seen in teenagers and young adults). This medicine is available on a doctor's prescription only. With any questions concerning this medicine consult your doctor, or pharmacist.

#### **Proper Use of this Medicine**

Before applying this medicine, the area to be treated should be washed thoroughly but gently with warm water and bland soap, rinsed well and patted dry. Unless skin is oily, washing 2 or 3 times a day is enough. The face should not be washed for at least two hours after applying this medicine.

The medicine should be used for the full time of treatment recommended by your doctor even if the symptoms clear up after a few days. If the medicine is stopped too soon, the symptoms may return.

After shaving, it is best to wait 30 minutes before applying the medicine because the alcohol in it may irritate freshly shaven skin.

The medicine is available in bottles as well as pre-moistened pads.

The medicine that comes in a bottle has a separate applicator and cap. To use the applicator: 1) remove cap from bottle and discard, 2) firmly press applicator into bottle, 3) seal firmly by tightening domed-cap.

The pharmacist may have assembled the bottle for you, in which case the applicator top will already be attached to the bottle. The applicator top may then be used to apply the medicine directly to the skin. The bottle should be tilted and pressed firmly against the skin using a dabbing rather than a rolling motion. Reducing the pressure will decrease the flow.

The medicine that comes in the pre-moistened pad is enough for one application. Throw away the pre-moistened pad after using one time. Do not use if the seal is broken.

When using either the bottle or the pre-moistened pad, a thin film of the medicine is to be applied to the whole area affected by acne, not just to the pimples themselves.

In order to prevent this medicine from getting in the eyes, nose, or mouth, it should be spread away from these areas on application. If the medicine does get in the eyes, they must be washed out immediately but carefully using large amounts of cool tap water. If the eyes still burn or are painful, a doctor should be consulted.

This medicine should not be used more often than prescribed by your doctor because it may cause dryness or irritation of the skin.

The bottle contains approximately a 4 week (30 mL size) or an 8 week supply (60 mL).

The carton of pre-moistened pads contains a 4 week (60 pre-moistened pads) supply.

### How to Store this Medicine

Keep out of the reach of children.

Store away from heat and direct light.

Keep medicine from freezing.

Store the bottle in an upright fashion.

### **When Dalacin T should not be used:**

Do not use Dalacin T if:

- You have a history of hypersensitivity (allergies) to preparations including clindamycin or lincomycin
- You have a history in inflammatory bowel disease (including regional enteritis and ulcerative colitis, or a history of antibiotic-associated colitis (inflamed bowel).

### **Precautions While Using this Medicine**

- Safety in pregnancy has not been established.
- If frequent diarrhea occurs it should not be treated without first checking with your doctor.
- If you experience stomach upset, nausea or diarrhea while using DALACIN T, check with your doctor.

### **Use in Pregnancy:**

Safety for use in pregnancy has not been established. If you are pregnant (or become pregnant), check with your doctor before using DALACIN T.

### **Use by Nursing Mothers:**

It is not known whether DALACIN T when topically applied is excreted in breast milk. If you are currently nursing (or planning on nursing), check with your doctor before using DALACIN T.

### **Side effects of this Medicine**

Check with your doctor immediately if any of the following very rare side effects occur:

- Abdominal or stomach cramps, pain or bloating is severe
- Diarrhea (watery and severe) which may also be bloody
- Nausea or vomiting

Also check with your doctor as soon as possible if any of the following side effects occur:

Skin rash, itching, redness or other signs or irritation not present before using this medicine.

Other side effects that do not normally require medical attention may occur. These include the following:

- Dry or scaly skin
- Peeling of skin
- Stinging or burning feeling

If any other unusual or unexpected effects occur, check with your doctor.

### **DRUG INTERACTIONS**

Tell your doctor if you are taking or being administered any other topical or oral medication, including erythromycin or neuromuscular blocking agents.

### **OVERDOSAGE**

In case of overdose, particularly accidental oral ingestion, contact your doctor, hospital emergency department or regional poison control centre.