Let your doctor know if you have ever had skin conditions called eczema or psoriasis

Do not apply imiquimod to eyes, ears, nostrils, lips, broken or sunburnt skin

If using in the genital area wash it off before having sex; imiquimod will also weaken condoms

Let your doctor or pharmacist know immediately if

- Black scabs or ulcers appear on your skin. Itching, burning and redness is normal when starting treatment, the area may look worse before it gets better
- You feel unwell during treatment. You may get flu-like symptoms if you are using it on a large area

Do not use any more than your doctor has asked you to

- Imiquimod is not usually used every day
- Imiquimod is usually applied before you go to bed, and washed off in the morning
- Discuss treatment with your doctor if you think it is not working; do not use more often than directed
- You may need to see your doctor every two weeks to decide whether your treatment needs to be changed

Imiquimod is usually safe

- Imiquimod is a useful and effective treatment for certain skin conditions

Imiquimod can also be harmful

- Extra care is needed when using imiquimod
- All medicines carry some risks but you might not experience any problems at all
- Always store imiquimod out of reach of children

PREGNANCY and imiquimod

- Let your doctor know if you are pregnant or breastfeeding or wish to become pregnant during treatment

Imiquimod is usually safe and effective for certain skin conditions, but extra care is needed when using it. All medicines carry some risks, but you might not experience any problems. Always store imiquimod out of reach of children. If using in the genital area, wash it off before having sex; imiquimod will also weaken condoms. Let your doctor know if you have any questions or concerns, especially if you are pregnant or breastfeeding. Do not use more than your doctor has asked you to. Always store imiquimod out of reach of children. This information is a guide only and is not a replacement for the advice and care of your doctor, pharmacist (chemist) or nurse.