

IMIQUIMOD (ALDARA)[®]

▶ PATIENT INFORMATION GUIDE

REMEMBER: this medicine is for you. Never give it to others even if their signs and symptoms are the same as yours.

WHY HAVE WE GIVEN YOU THIS GUIDE?

This information is for you when using imiquimod. It is important that you use your medication safely. Imiquimod may cause **some serious side effects**. Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

- ▶ **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

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO USE IMIQUIMOD (ALDARA)[®] SAFELY

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 - 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

This information is a guide only and is not a replacement for the advice and care of your doctor, pharmacist (chemist) or nurse.