

Efudex/ Fluorouracil Application Schedule

1. Wash your hands with soap and water.
2. Place a small amount of Efudex/Fluorouracil on our fingertip (no larger than a pea-size).
3. With your finger (do not use a cotton swab) rub the cream into the area that you are treating, making sure that it completely dissolves on the spot.
4. Wash your hands after rubbing in the Efudex/Fluorouracil.
5. Store the Efudex/Fluorouracil in a cool place.
6. Do not wash the area until 8 hours after application; after that time, you may wash the area with mild soap and water.

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What to expect while using Efudex/Fluorouracil: You will see the effect of Efudex in 4 phases.

- Early inflammatory phase: During the first week of application, mild inflammation occurs
- Inflammatory phase: During the following weeks, redness and swelling occur with some crusting and burning
- Tumor disintegration phase: Lesions resolve as the skin exfoliates
- Healing Phase: Over 2 to 3 weeks, new skin grows into the treatment area
- Complete healing generally occurs within 3 to 4 weeks after treatment cessation.

Side Effects may include itching, burning, soreness, tenderness, scaling, and/or redness at the site, as well as the area outside of the site. Swelling, small open sores and drainage may also be experienced with the use of Efudex/Fluorouracil cream. These side effects are normal reactions and indications that the cream is working.

If the area(s) become too painful you may apply Vaseline and/or an ice pack for 20 minutes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at (480) 556-0446.

