

Finasteride 0.2% Topical Solution

Patient Information Leaflet



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What This Leaflet Contains

- What this product is and what it is used for
- What you need to know before using this product
- How to use this product
- Possible side effects
- How to store this product
- Contents of the pack and other information

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine. Keep it for future reference. If you have any questions, please contact your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as directed by your healthcare professional.

Report any side effects not listed in this leaflet via the Yellow Card Scheme at www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard

You must talk to a doctor if your symptoms are getting worse or do not improve after four months.

1. What Finasteride Is and What It Is Used For

Finasteride belongs to a group of medicines called 5-alpha reductase inhibitors. This topical solution is used to treat androgenetic alopecia (male and female pattern hair loss) by reducing the local conversion of testosterone to dihydrotestosterone (DHT) – the hormone primarily responsible for hair follicle miniaturisation.

Applied directly to the scalp, the topical formulation minimises systemic absorption compared to oral finasteride, while still targeting the underlying hormonal cause of hair loss.

Visible results may take 4–6 months. Individual results vary depending on the extent of hair loss and follicle health.

Important: Finasteride is an unlicensed medicine for topical use in hair loss in the UK. It has been prescribed based on clinical judgement.

2. What You Need to Know Before Using This Product

Do Not Use Finasteride If:

- You are allergic to finasteride or any of the ingredients listed in Section 6.
- You are female and pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- You have liver disease or significantly impaired liver function.
- You have broken, red, inflamed, or infected skin on the scalp.

Warnings and Precautions :

Pregnancy: Women who are pregnant or may become pregnant must not handle this product. Finasteride is absorbed through the skin and may cause abnormal development of the genitalia in a male fetus. If accidental contact occurs, wash with soap and water immediately.

Fertility: Male patients should be aware that finasteride may affect semen quality. Use condoms if your partner is pregnant or may become pregnant.

PSA levels: Finasteride may lower PSA (prostate-specific antigen) levels. Inform your doctor if you are being tested for prostate cancer.

Mood changes: Some patients have reported low mood or depression. Contact your doctor if you notice mood changes.

Other Medicines and Finasteride:

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines. No major interactions have been identified with topical finasteride at this concentration, but inform your prescriber of all current medications.

3. How to Use This Product

Use exactly as directed by your healthcare professional.

Recommended dose: Apply 1 ml (5–6 sprays) to the affected areas of the scalp once or twice daily as directed.

Application Instructions

- Ensure your scalp is dry or towel-dried before applying.
- Spray 5–6 pumps directly onto the affected scalp area.
- Massage gently into the scalp with fingertips.
- Wash hands thoroughly after each use.

Precautions During Application:

- Avoid contact with eyes, nose, or mouth. If contact occurs, rinse immediately with water.
- Do not inhale the spray mist.
- Do not apply to broken, inflamed, or irritated skin.
- Avoid washing the treated area for at least 4 hours after application.
- Women and children must not handle this product.

4. Possible Side Effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Common Side Effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 users)

- Scalp irritation, itching, or redness at the application site.
- Dry or flaky scalp.

Uncommon Side Effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 users)

- Decreased libido or sexual function
- Breast tenderness or enlargement (gynaecomastia).
- Mild mood changes.

Rare Side Effects

- Allergic skin reaction – stop use and seek medical advice immediately.
- Swelling of the lips, tongue, or throat – seek emergency help immediately.

Stop using this product and contact your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any of these effects.

5. How to Store This Product

- Store below 25°C in an upright position.
- Keep away from heat and direct sunlight.
- Do not freeze.
- Keep out of reach and sight of children.
- Do not use after the expiry date shown on the label.
- Dispose of unused medication responsibly – consult your pharmacist for guidance.

6. Contents of the Pack and Other Information

Active ingredient: Finasteride 0.2%

Other ingredients: Ethanol, propylene glycol, purified water.

This product is provided as a topical solution in a spray bottle.

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