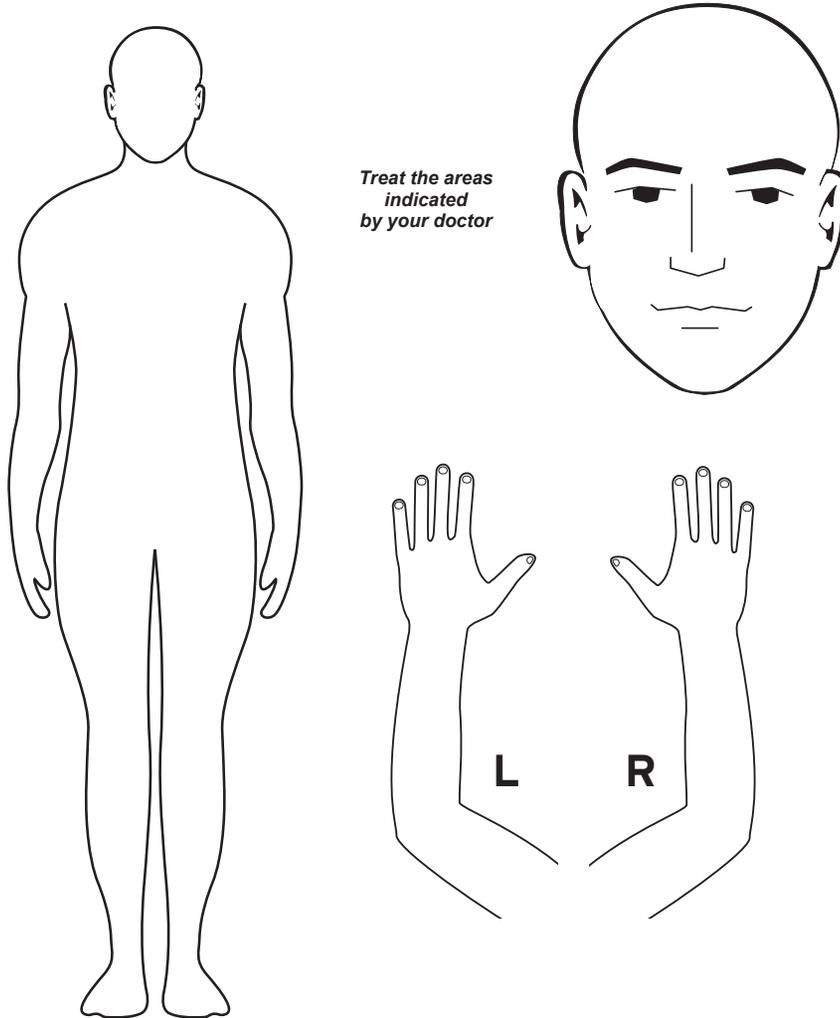


## Important information for patients using Imiquimod 5%

*This leaflet is provided to help you understand and apply your Imiquimod 5% in a way that will provide the best possible*



*Treat the areas indicated by your doctor*

### How do I apply IMIQUIMOD?

- 1. Imiquimod should be applied according to your doctor's instructions.** Normally once daily for the period of time recommended by your doctor.
- Apply Imiquimod with your finger. Evenings are the best times, but not at bedtime as contact with pillows may cause undesirable spreading.
- Apply a thin layer of Imiquimod to the affected areas of your skin. Be careful to avoid contact with the eyes, nostrils and lips. **Be sure to wash your hands after applying.**
- Use with care in the area between the nose and cheek since Imiquimod may irritate the fold around the nostril.

### What will happen when I use IMIQUIMOD?

Imiquimod is very effective in treating your skin condition. During treatment be prepared for some major changes to your skin's condition. In fact you will probably look worse before you get better - this is a sign that **Imiquimod is working.**

For example you may see the treated areas and surrounds become inflamed with the first week of treatment, followed by blistering, peeling and cracking within the next week. Occasionally this may be accompanied by weeping sores and some discomfort - don't be alarmed as this is a sign that the **Imiquimod is working.**

**For further information ask your health professional. Normal doctor's visit fees and pharmacy charges apply.**

Imiquimod is fully funded and the patient does not need to pay for the medicine.

### Expected progress

**Week 1** – Mild redness or minimum reaction.

**Weeks 2 to 3** – Red, crusted, possibly uncomfortable.

**Weeks 3 to 4** – Although the skin may appear to be blistering and/or peeling, this is a sign that the medication is working. Your doctor may advise you when it is most appropriate to cease treatment. Apply Treatment for 6 weeks

**Following treatment** – Skin may be pink for 1 to 10 weeks (this can be covered with foundation). However if you become concerned, please seek advice from your doctor.

### When being treated with Imiquimod, remember the following

- Avoid excessive sunlight.
- IMIQUIMOD is a powerful medication and must be used as directed.
- IMIQUIMOD has been prescribed for **your specific skin condition** - do NOT give it to anyone else, even if they seem to have a similar problem they may, in fact, have something quite different.
- Do not use cosmetics or other skin medication on treated areas without first obtaining your doctor's approval. You can get your face wet in the shower. However, it is advisable not to apply immediately before showering.
- IMIQUIMOD is NOT to be used by women who are pregnant. If pregnancy occurs during treatment, immediately stop applying EFUDIX® and consult your doctor.
- You should be seeing your doctor 8-10 weeks after starting treatment. Please make a follow-up appointment.