



Central Michigan District Health Department
“Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities”

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Imiquimod (Aldara Cream 5%)

Imiquimod is used to treat condyloma acuminatum (genital warts). It is used for external warts only.

Imiquimod should not be used if:

- You are pregnant or breastfeeding
- Your skin has not healed from other treatment for genital warts.
- Your skin is inflamed, reddened or swollen.
- You have an autoimmune disorder.
- You are sunburned.
- You have an unhealed surgical scar in the area of treatment.

Stop treatment and call the health department if sores develop on your skin or you develop flu like symptoms.

Some side effects of Imiquimod:

- Redness
- Swelling
- Sore, blister or ulcer
- Skin peeling, scabbing and crusting
- Itching and burning
- Changes in skin color that do not go away
- Skin may become hard or thickened

Directions for use of this medication:

- Apply **thinly** to warts 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday)
- Apply at bedtime; leave medication on for 6 – 10 hours.
- Wash area with soap and water, allow to thoroughly dry.
- Treatment may continue until warts are gone or up to 16 weeks.

Special Instructions:

- Aldara Cream does not cure genital warts.
- Do not use in eyes, lips, mouth, vagina, or penis
- Avoid sexual contact while cream is on skin
- Use sunblock SPF 15 or greater and protective clothing when in the sun.
- Aldara Cream may weaken condoms and vaginal diaphragms.
- Apply only to warts but not to surrounding skin.