

# Imiquimod (Aldara) Cream

Imiquimod is a medication applied to the skin which is used for the treatment of superficial skin cancers and various types of warts. Imiquimod works by boosting your immune system to attack abnormal cells.

How to use Imiquimod:

- 1) Snip a small corner off the packet and apply a small amount of the medicine directly on the affected area, making sure NOT to get any medication on the surrounding normal skin. You can use a toothpick if needed to apply to a small area. A single packet can be used for numerous applications.
- 2) Apply the medication to \_\_\_\_\_ once daily M-F M W F for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.
- 3) Once the affected area becomes red and irritated, this means the medicine is working and you can stop using Imiquimod for a few days until the irritation calms down. Keep treating any other affected areas which are not red and irritated.

The most common side effects are redness, swelling, and peeling of the skin. Rarely, people will develop flu-like symptoms while using Imiquimod. If this happens, stop using the medication, and contact the office.