

## PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER



# Duofilm<sup>®</sup>

salicylic acid 16.7% w/w  
lactic acid 15.0% w/w

### Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.

This medicine is available without prescription. However, you still need to use Duofilm carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist or doctor if you need more information or advice.
- You must contact your doctor if your symptoms worsen or do not improve.
- If you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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### 1. What Duofilm is and what it is used for

The name of your medicine is Duofilm. It contains two medicines called salicylic acid and lactic acid. It works by softening the skin of a wart, causing it to peel off.

Duofilm is used to treat warts.

- A wart is an infection in the top layers of the skin. It is caused by a virus.
- Warts can be spread when the virus touches damaged skin.
- It is more likely to spread in places which are warm and moist. This is why one of the most common places to catch warts is swimming pools.
- It can take from a few weeks to several months for the wart to appear.

### 2. Before you use Duofilm

#### Do not use Duofilm if:

- you are allergic to the salicylic acid, lactic acid or any of the other ingredients of Duofilm (listed in Section 6).
  - you have warts on your face, around your back passage or genitals, moles, birthmarks, warts with hair growing from them or other sensitive areas.
  - the area of skin is irritated, reddened or infected. Do not use on open wounds.
  - the child being treated is under 2 years of age.
- Do not use Duofilm if the above applies to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before you start using Duofilm.

#### Take special care with Duofilm

- Do not inhale the vapour.
- Do not use with other medicines on the affected area.
- Duofilm is not recommended for patients who suffer from diabetes, poor blood circulation or nerve damage to the hands and feet.
- Duofilm contains colophony, which may cause allergic skin reactions (contact dermatitis).
- Avoid contact with eyes, other sensitive areas and healthy skin. In case of accidental contact with the eyes or other sensitive areas, rinse well with water. If you apply Duofilm to healthy skin, you may experience blistering. Stop use and talk to your doctor or pharmacist.
- Duofilm is not recommended to be used during or immediately after a viral illness. Do not use in children or teenagers during or after chicken pox, influenza or other viral infections.
- Duofilm is not recommended to be used during pregnancy or breast-feeding.
- If used during breast-feeding, take care to wash off all traces to avoid accidental swallowing by the child.

### 3. How to use Duofilm

If this medicine is from your doctor or pharmacist, do exactly as they have told you. Otherwise, follow the instructions below. If you do not understand the instructions, or you are not sure, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

#### Using Duofilm

- Use Duofilm once a day, before bedtime, using the brush in the pack.
- It may take 4 to 8 weeks for visible improvement.
- Keep using Duofilm either until the wart has been treated for 12 weeks or until you can see the lines of your skin again (called 'ridge lines').
- Speak to a pharmacist or doctor if warts last longer than 12 weeks or if skin irritation develops.
- Avoid smoking or being near an open flame whilst using Duofilm, or immediately after use.

#### How to use Duofilm

1. Remove any plasters.
2. Soak the warts in hot water for five minutes.
3. Dry the area with your own towel.
4. Rub the top of the warts carefully with a pumice stone, nail file, coarse washcloth or emery board.
5. Then put on enough Duofilm to cover the warts. Try not to get it on the normal skin around the warts.
6. Let the Duofilm dry thoroughly.
7. Cover the wart with a plaster if possible to help the ingredients get to work.

#### To stop warts spreading to others

Remember that warts can spread to others.

- Only use your own towel.
- If your warts are on the bottom of your feet, do not walk around bare foot.

#### Children

Duofilm is not recommended for use in children under 2 years of age. Children under 12 years should only use the medicine with help from an adult.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

### 4. Possible side effects

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

Duofilm may cause allergic skin reactions (allergic dermatitis), rash, dryness, scaling, irritation, itching, swelling, burning sensation, redness, excessive skin growth, discolouration of the skin, blistering, pain and hypersensitivity at the site of application.

If you accidentally apply Duofilm to healthy skin you may experience blistering and skin exfoliation.

#### Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side

effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard).

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

### 5. How to store Duofilm

- Keep out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not use Duofilm after the expiry date stated on the bottle and carton.
- Do not store above 25°C.
- Duofilm is highly flammable, keep it away from naked flames.
- Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

### 6. Further information

#### What Duofilm contains

- The active substances are lactic acid 15.0% w/w and salicylic acid 16.7% w/w.
- The other ingredient is flexible collodion (contains pyroxylin, colophony, virgin castor oil, ethanol and ether).

#### What Duofilm looks like and the contents of the pack

Duofilm is supplied in bottles of 15ml.

#### Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer

Marketing Authorisation Holder:

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