



ACNE

The Most Common Skin Condition in the U.S.

What is acne?

- » Acne is a common chronic inflammatory skin condition resulting from hair follicles being blocked with bacteria, oil or dead skin cells.^{1,2}
- » It appears on the face, neck, chest, back and shoulders.¹
- » The condition can scar the skin and cause emotional distress such as poor self-image, depression and anxiety.³

Who is affected by acne?

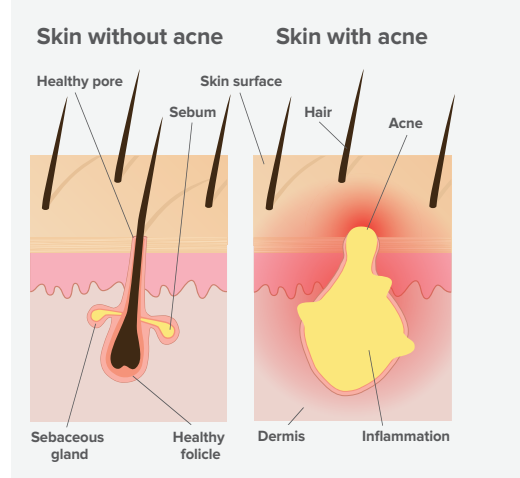
- » Up to 50 million Americans suffer from acne.³
- » Acne is the most common skin condition in the U.S., and while it is more common in teenagers, studies show an increase in post-adolescent acne and that people receive treatment for the disease well into their mid 40s.^{3,4}
- » It is estimated that acne affects 79% to 95% of adolescents and 40% to 54% of men and women older than 25 years.⁵

How is acne diagnosed?

- » Acne severity is determined by the number and types of lesions present and body areas affected.
- » There is no universal system for classifying severity.⁶

How is acne treated?

- » The standard of care for moderate-to-severe acne are oral antibiotics such as minocycline, tetracycline and doxycycline^{2,3} or a combination of oral antibiotics and topical treatments.^{3,7}
- » Common topical treatments for acne include benzoyl peroxide, antibiotics, retinoids and salicylic acid.³



Why is a new acne therapy needed?

- » Oral antibiotics are effective but have associated systemic exposure and side effects including dizziness, nausea and diarrhea.
- » Therapy with oral antibiotics can continue for years and this long-term treatment can lead to antibiotic resistance.⁸
- » Current topical treatments are typically less effective than oral treatments and present other side effects such as rashes, skin irritation and flaking.
- » A therapeutic solution that delivers low doses of effective antibiotic to a concentrated area is needed to minimize systemic exposure, unwanted side effects and the potential for systemic antibiotic resistance.

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