

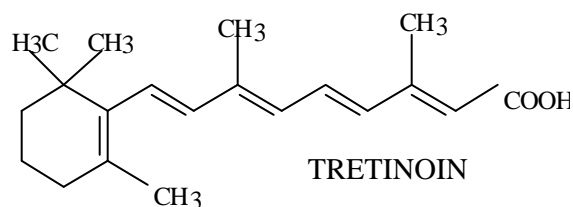
RENOVA[®]

(tretinoin cream)
0.02%

FOR TOPICAL USE ON THE FACE. NOT FOR OPHTHALMIC, ORAL, OR INTRAVAGINAL USE.

DESCRIPTION:

RENOVA (tretinoin cream) 0.02% contains the active ingredient tretinoin in a cream base. Tretinoin is a yellow to light orange crystalline powder having a characteristic floral odor. Tretinoin is soluble in dimethylsulfoxide, slightly soluble in polyethylene glycol 400, octanol, and 100% ethanol. It is practically insoluble in water and mineral oil, and it is insoluble in glycerin. The chemical name for tretinoin is (all-E)-3,7-dimethyl-9-(2,6,6-trimethyl-1-cyclononen-1-yl)-2,4,6,8-nonatetraenoic acid. Tretinoin is also referred to as all-*trans*-retinoic acid and has a molecular weight of 300.44. The structural formula is represented below.



Tretinoin is available as RENOVA at a concentration of 0.02% w/w in an oil-in-water emulsion formulation consisting of benzyl alcohol, butylated hydroxytoluene, caprylic/capric triglyceride, cetyl alcohol, edetate disodium, fragrance, methylparaben, propylparaben, purified water, stearic acid, stearyl alcohol, steareth 2, steareth 20, and xanthan gum.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:

Tretinoin is an endogenous retinoid metabolite of Vitamin A that binds to intracellular receptors in the cytosol and nucleus, but cutaneous levels of tretinoin in excess of physiologic concentrations occur following application of a tretinoin containing topical drug product. Although tretinoin activates three members of the retinoic acid (RAR) nuclear receptors (RAR α , RAR β , and RAR γ) which may act to modify gene expression, subsequent protein synthesis, and epithelial cell growth and differentiation, it has not been established whether the clinical effects of tretinoin are mediated through activation of retinoic acid receptors, other mechanisms such as irritation, or both.

1 The effect of tretinoin on skin with chronic photodamage has not been evaluated in
2 animal studies. When hairless albino mice were treated topically with tretinoin
3 shortly after a period of UVB irradiation, new collagen formation was demonstrated
4 only in photodamaged skin. However, in human skin treated topically, adequate
5 data have not been provided to demonstrate any increase in desmosine,
6 hydroxyproline, or elastin mRNA. Application of 0.1% tretinoin cream to
7 photodamaged human forearm skin was associated with an increase in antibody-
8 staining for procollagen I propeptide. No correlation was made between
9 procollagen I propeptide staining with collagen I levels or with observed clinical
10 effects. Thus, the relationships between the increased collagen in rodents,
11 increased procollagen I propeptide in humans, and the clinical effects of tretinoin
12 have not yet been clearly defined.

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14 Tretinoin was shown to enhance UV stimulated melanogenesis in pigmented mice.
15 Generalized amyloid deposition in the basal layer of tretinoin treated skin was noted
16 in a two year mouse study. In a different study, hyalinization at tretinoin treated skin
17 sites was noted at doses beginning at 0.25 mg/kg in CD-1 mice.

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19 The transdermal absorption of tretinoin from various topical formulations ranged
20 from 1% to 31% of applied dose, depending on whether it was applied to healthy
21 skin or dermatitic skin. No percutaneous absorption study was conducted with
22 RENOVA 0.02% in human volunteers. When percutaneous absorption of the oil-in-
23 water emulsion formulation at 0.05% concentration was assessed in healthy male
24 subjects with radiolabeled cream after a single application (n=7), as well as after
25 repeated daily applications (n=7) for 28 days, the absorption of tretinoin was less
26 than 2% and the extent of bioavailability was less after repeated application. No
27 significant difference in endogenous concentrations of tretinoin was observed
28 between single and repeated daily applications.

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30 **INDICATIONS AND USAGE:**

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32 **(To understand fully the indication for this product, please read the entire**
33 **INDICATIONS AND USAGE section of the labeling.)**

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35 RENOVA (tretinoin cream) 0.02% is indicated as an adjunctive agent (see second
36 bullet point below) for use in the mitigation (palliation) of fine facial wrinkles in
37 patients who use comprehensive skin care and sunlight avoidance programs.
38 **RENOVA DOES NOT ELIMINATE WRINKLES, REPAIR SUN DAMAGED**
39 **SKIN, REVERSE PHOTOAGING, or RESTORE MORE YOUTHFUL or**
40 **YOUNGER SKIN.** In double-blinded, vehicle-controlled clinical studies, many
41 patients in the vehicle group achieved desired palliative effects on fine wrinkling of
42 facial skin with the use of comprehensive skin care and sunlight avoidance
43 programs including sunscreens, protective clothing, and non-prescription emollient
44 creams.

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- 1 • RENOVA 0.02% has NOT DEMONSTRATED A MITIGATING EFFECT on
2 significant signs of chronic sunlight exposure such as coarse or deep
3 wrinkling, tactile roughness, mottled hyperpigmentation, lentigines,
4 telangiectasia, skin laxity, keratinocytic atypia, melanocytic atypia, or dermal
5 elastosis
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- 7 • RENOVA should be used under medical supervision as an adjunct to a
8 comprehensive skin care and sunlight avoidance program that includes the use
9 of effective sunscreens (minimum SPF of 15) and protective clothing.
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- 11 • Patients with visible actinic keratoses and patients with a history of skin cancer
12 were excluded from clinical trials of RENOVA 0.02%. Thus the effectiveness
13 and safety of RENOVA 0.02% in these populations are not known at this time.
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- 15 • Neither the safety nor the effectiveness of RENOVA for the prevention or
16 treatment of actinic keratoses or skin neoplasms has been established.
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- 18 • Neither the safety nor the efficacy of using RENOVA 0.02% daily for greater
19 than 52 weeks has been established, and daily use beyond 52 weeks has not
20 been systematically and histologically investigated in adequate and well-
21 controlled trials. (See **WARNINGS** section.)
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24 **Clinical Trials**

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26 Four adequate and well-controlled multi-center trials and one single center
27 randomized, controlled trial were conducted involving a total of 324 evaluable
28 patients treated with RENOVA 0.02% and 332 evaluable patients treated with the
29 vehicle cream on the face for 24 weeks with a comprehensive skin care and sun
30 avoidance program, to assess the effects on fine and coarse wrinkling, mottled
31 hyperpigmentation, tactile skin roughness, and laxity. Patients were evaluated at
32 baseline on a 10 unit scale and changes from that baseline rating were categorized
33 as follows:

35	Worsening	Increase of 1 unit or more.
36	No improvement:	No change.
37	Minimal improvement:	Reduction of 1 unit.
38	Mild improvement:	Reduction of 2 units.
39	Moderate improvement:	Reduction of 3 units or more.

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41 In these trials, the fine and coarse wrinkling, mottled hyperpigmentation,
42 tactile roughness, and laxity of the facial skin were thought to be caused by multiple
43 factors which included intrinsic aging or environmental factors, such as chronic
44 sunlight exposure.
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1 Two of the five trials provided adequate demonstration of efficacy for
2 mitigation of fine facial wrinkling. No two of the five trials adequately demonstrated
3 efficacy for mitigation of coarse wrinkling, mottled hyperpigmentation, tactile skin
4 roughness, and laxity. Data for fine wrinkling (the indication for which RENOVA
5 0.02% demonstrated efficacy) from all five trials
6 (four studies in lightly pigmented subjects with Fitzpatrick Skin Types I-III and one
7 study in darkly pigmented subjects with Fitzpatrick Skin Types IV-VI) is provided
8 below:

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FINE WRINKLING IN LIGHTLY PIGMENTED SUBJECTS		
	Subjects using RENOVA 0.02% + CSP* (N = 279)	Vehicle + CSP* (N = 280)
Worsened	1%	3%
No Change	40%	58%
Minimal Improvement	35%	27%
Mild Improvement	15%	9%
Moderate Improvement	10%	3%

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3 A single-center study (N = 107) in darkly pigmented, mostly African-American,
 4 subjects with Fitzpatrick Skin Types IV-VI demonstrated minimal or mild
 5 improvement in fine facial wrinkling in 43% of patients using Vehicle + CSP*
 6 compared to 29% of subjects using RENOVA 0.02% + CSP*. Although fewer
 7 darkly pigmented subjects improved with RENOVA 0.02% than with vehicle, these
 8 findings may reflect the small size of this study.

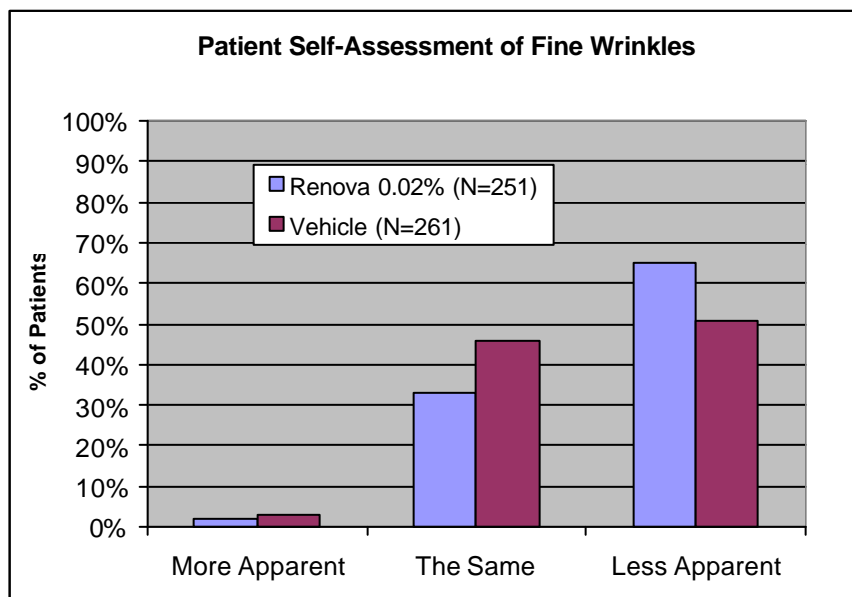
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10 * CSP = Comprehensive skin protection and sunlight avoidance programs
 11 including use of sunscreens, protective clothing, and non-prescription emollient
 12 creams.

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14 Self-assessment of fine wrinkles after 24 weeks of treatment with either RENOVA
 15 0.02% or Vehicle from the four studies in lightly pigmented patients showed the
 16 following:

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20 No studies have been conducted comparing the facial irritation or efficacy of
 21 RENOVA 0.02% to RENOVA 0.05% (older marketed formulation).

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1 Patients may lose some of the mitigating effects of RENOVA 0.02% after 12 weeks
2 of discontinuation of RENOVA 0.02% from their comprehensive skin care and
3 sunlight avoidance program.

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6 **CONTRAINDICATIONS:**
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8 This drug is contraindicated in individuals with a history of sensitivity reactions to
9 any of its components. It should be discontinued if hypersensitivity to any of its
10 ingredients is noted.

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12 **WARNINGS:**
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14 • RENOVA 0.02% is a dermal irritant, and the results of continued irritation of the
15 skin for greater than 52 weeks in chronic use with RENOVA are not known.
16 There is evidence of atypical changes in melanocytes and keratinocytes, and of
17 increased dermal elastosis in some patients treated with RENOVA 0.05% for
18 longer than 48 weeks. The significance of these findings and their relevance for
19 RENOVA 0.02%, are unknown.

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21 • RENOVA should not be administered if the patient is also taking drugs known
22 to be photosensitizers (e.g., thiazides, tetracyclines, fluoroquinolones,
23 phenothiazines, sulfonamides) because of the possibility of augmented
24 phototoxicity.

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26 Exposure to sunlight (including sunlamps) should be avoided or minimized during
27 use of RENOVA because of heightened sunburn susceptibility. Patients should be
28 warned to use sunscreens (minimum SPF of 15) and protective clothing when using
29 RENOVA. Patients with sunburn should be advised not to use RENOVA until fully
30 recovered. Patients who may have considerable sun exposure, e.g., due to their
31 occupation, and those patients with inherent sensitivity to sunlight should exercise
32 caution when using RENOVA and follow the precautions outlined in the Patient
33 Package Insert.

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35 RENOVA should be kept out of the eyes, mouth, angles of the nose, and mucous
36 membranes. Topical use may cause severe local erythema, pruritus, burning,
37 stinging, and peeling at the site of application. If the degree of local irritation
38 warrants, patients should be directed to use less medication, decrease the
39 frequency of application, discontinue use temporarily, or discontinue use altogether,
40 and consider additional appropriate therapy.

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42 Tretinoin has been reported to cause severe irritation on eczematous skin and
43 should be used only with caution in patients with this condition.
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1 Application of larger amounts of medication than recommended has not been
2 shown to lead to more rapid or better results, and marked redness, peeling, or
3 discomfort may occur.

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6 **PRECAUTIONS:**

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8 **General:** RENOVA should be used only as an adjunct to a comprehensive skin
9 care and sunlight avoidance program. (See **INDICATIONS AND USAGE** section.)

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11 If a drug sensitivity, chemical irritation, or a systemic adverse reaction develops, use
12 of RENOVA should be discontinued.

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14 Weather extremes, such as wind or cold, may be more irritating to patients using
15 tretinoin containing products.

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17 **Information for Patients:** RENOVA 0.02% is to be used as described below
18 unless otherwise directed by your physician:

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20 1. It is for use on the face.
21 2. Avoid contact with the eyes, ears, nostrils, angles of the nose, and mouth.
22 RENOVA may cause severe redness, itching, burning, stinging, and peeling if
23 used on these areas.
24 3. In the evening, gently wash your face with a mild soap. Pat skin dry and wait 20-
25 30 minutes before applying RENOVA. Apply only a small pearl-sized (about
26 0.25 inch or 5 millimeter diameter) amount of RENOVA to your face at one time.
27 This should be enough to cover the entire affected area lightly.
28 4. Do not wash your face for at least one hour after applying RENOVA.
29 5. For best results, you are advised not to apply another skin care product or
30 cosmetic for at least one hour after applying RENOVA.
31 6. In the morning, apply a moisturizing sunscreen, SPF 15 or greater.
32 7. RENOVA is a serious medication. Do not use RENOVA if you are pregnant or
33 attempting to become pregnant. If you become pregnant while taking RENOVA,
34 please contact your physician immediately.
35 8. Avoid sunlight and other medicines that may increase your sensitivity to sunlight.
36 9. RENOVA does not remove wrinkles or repair sun-damaged skin.

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38 Please refer to the Patient Package Insert for additional patient information.

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40 **Drug Interactions:** Concomitant topical medications, medicated or abrasive
41 soaps, shampoos, cleansers, cosmetics with a strong drying effect, products with
42 high concentrations of alcohol, astringents, spices or lime, permanent wave
43 solutions, electrolysis, hair depilatories or waxes, and products that may irritate the
44 skin should be used with caution in patients being treated with RENOVA because
45 they may increase irritation with RENOVA.

1 RENOVA should not be administered if the patient is also taking drugs known to be
2 photosensitizers (e.g., thiazides, tetracyclines, fluoroquinolones, phenothiazines,
3 sulfonamides) because of the possibility of augmented phototoxicity.

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5 **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility:** In a 91-week dermal
6 study in which CD-1 mice were administered 0.017% and 0.035% formulations of
7 tretinoin, cutaneous squamous cell carcinomas and papillomas in the treatment
8 area were observed in some female mice. These concentrations are near the
9 tretinoin concentration of this clinical formulation (0.02%). A dose related incidence
10 of liver tumors in male mice was observed at those same doses. The maximum
11 systemic doses associated with the 0.017% and 0.035% formulations are 0.5 and
12 1.0 mg/kg/day. These doses are 10 and 20 times the maximum human systemic
13 dose, when adjusted for total body surface area. The biological significance of
14 these findings is not clear because they occurred at doses that exceeded the
15 dermal maximally tolerated dose (MTD) of tretinoin and because they were within
16 the background natural occurrence rate for these tumors in this strain of mice.
17 There was no evidence of carcinogenic potential when 0.025 mg/kg/day of tretinoin
18 was administered topically to mice (0.5 times the maximum human systemic dose,
19 adjusted for total body surface area). For purposes of comparisons of the animal
20 exposure to systemic human exposure, the maximum human systemic dose is
21 defined as 1 gram of 0.02% RENOVA applied daily to a 50 kg person (0.004 mg
22 tretinoin/kg body weight).

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24 Studies in hairless albino mice suggest that concurrent exposure to tretinoin may
25 enhance the tumorigenic potential of carcinogenic doses of UVB and UVA light
26 from a solar simulator. This effect has been confirmed in a later study in pigmented
27 mice, and dark pigmentation did not overcome the enhancement of
28 photocarcinogenesis by 0.05% tretinoin. Although the significance of these studies
29 to humans is not clear, patients should minimize exposure to sunlight or artificial
30 ultraviolet irradiation sources.

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32 The mutagenic potential of tretinoin was evaluated in the Ames assay and in the *in*
33 *vivo* mouse micronucleus assay, both of which were negative.

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35 In dermal Segment I fertility studies in rats, slight (not statistically significant)
36 decreases in sperm count and motility were seen at 0.5 mg/kg/day (20 times the
37 maximum human systemic dose adjusted for total body surface area), and slight
38 (not statistically significant) increases in the number and percent of nonviable
39 embryos in females treated with 0.25 mg/kg/day (10 times the maximum human
40 systemic dose adjusted for total body surface area) and above were observed. A
41 dermal Segment III study with RENOVA has not been performed in any species. In
42 oral Segment I and Segment III studies in rats with tretinoin, decreased survival of
43 neonates and growth retardation were observed at doses in excess of 2 mg/kg/day
44 (83 times the human topical dose adjusted for total body surface area).

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46 **Pregnancy:**

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Teratogenic effects: Pregnancy Category C.

ORAL tretinoin has been shown to be teratogenic in rats, mice, rabbits, hamsters, and subhuman primates. It was teratogenic and fetotoxic in Wistar rats when given orally or topically in doses greater than 1 mg/kg/day (42 times the maximum human systemic dose normalized for total body surface area). However, variations in teratogenic doses among various strains of rats have been reported. In the cynomolgus monkey, which, metabolically, is closer to humans for tretinoin than the other species examined, fetal malformations were reported at doses of 10 mg/kg/day or greater, but none were observed at 5 mg/kg/day (417 times the maximum human systemic dose adjusted for total body surface area), although increased skeletal variations were observed at all doses. A dose-related increase in embryoletality and abortion was reported. Similar results have also been reported in pigtail macaques.

TOPICAL tretinoin in animal teratogenicity tests has generated equivocal results. There is evidence for teratogenicity (shortened or kinked tail) of topical tretinoin in Wistar rats at doses greater than 1 mg/kg/day (42 times the maximum human systemic dose adjusted for total body surface area). Anomalies (humerus: short 13%, bent 6%, os parietal incompletely ossified 14%) have also been reported when 10 mg/kg/day was dermally applied.

There are other reports in New Zealand White rabbits administered doses of greater than 0.2 mg/kg/day (17 times the maximum human systemic dose adjusted for total body surface area) of an increased incidence of domed head and hydrocephaly, typical of retinoid-induced fetal malformations in this species.

In contrast, several well-controlled animal studies have shown that dermally applied tretinoin may be fetotoxic, but not overtly teratogenic, in rats and rabbits at doses of 1.0 and 0.5 mg/kg/day, respectively (42 times the maximum human systemic dose adjusted for total body surface area in both species).

With widespread use of any drug, a small number of birth defect reports associated temporally with the administration of the drug would be expected by chance alone. Thirty human cases of temporally-associated congenital malformations have been reported during two decades of clinical use of another formulation of topical tretinoin (Retin-A). Although no definite pattern of teratogenicity and no causal association has been established from these cases, 5 of the reports describe the rare birth defect category holoprosencephaly (defects associated with incomplete midline development of the forebrain). The significance of these spontaneous reports in terms of risk to the fetus is not known.

Non-teratogenic effects:

1 Dermal tretinoin has been shown to be fetotoxic in rabbits when administered 0.5
2 mg/kg/day (42 times the maximum human systemic dose normalized for total body
3 surface area). Oral tretinoin has been shown to be fetotoxic, resulting in skeletal
4 variations and increased intrauterine death, in rats when administered 2.5
5 mg/kg/day (104 times the maximum human systemic dose adjusted for total body
6 surface area).

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8 There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women.
9 RENOVA should not be used during pregnancy.

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11 Nursing Mothers: It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk. Since
12 many drugs are excreted in human milk, mitigation of fine facial wrinkles with
13 RENOVA 0.02% may be postponed in nursing mothers until after completion of the
14 nursing period.

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16 Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness in patients less than 18 years of age have
17 not been established.

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19 Geriatric Use: In clinical studies with RENOVA 0.02%, patients aged 65 to 71 did
20 not demonstrate a significant difference for improvement in fine wrinkling when
21 compared to patients under the age of 65. Patients aged 65 and over may
22 demonstrate slightly more irritation, although the differences were not statistically
23 significant in the clinical studies for RENOVA 0.02%. Safety and effectiveness of
24 RENOVA 0.02% in individuals older than 71 years of age have not been
25 established.

26 27 28 **ADVERSE REACTIONS:**

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30 (See **WARNINGS** and **PRECAUTIONS** sections.)

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32 In double-blind, vehicle-controlled studies involving 339 patients who applied
33 RENOVA 0.02% to their face, adverse reactions associated with the use of
34 RENOVA were limited primarily to the skin. Almost all patients reported one or
35 more local reactions such as peeling, dry skin, burning, stinging, erythema, and
36 pruritus. In 32% of all study patients, skin irritation was reported that was severe,
37 led to temporary discontinuation of RENOVA 0.02%, or led to use of a mild topical
38 corticosteroid. About 7% of patients using RENOVA 0.02%, compared to less than
39 1% of the control patients, had sufficiently severe local irritation to warrant short-term
40 use of mild topical corticosteroids to alleviate local irritation. About 4% of patients
41 had to discontinue use of RENOVA because of adverse reactions.

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43 Approximately 2% of spontaneous post-marketing adverse event reporting for
44 RENOVA 0.05% were for skin hypo- or hyperpigmentation. Other spontaneously
45 reported adverse events for RENOVA 0.05% predominantly appear to be local
46 reactions similar to those seen in clinical trials.

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OVERDOSAGE:

Application of larger amounts of medication than recommended has not been shown to lead to more rapid or better results, and marked redness, peeling, or discomfort may occur. Oral ingestion of the drug may lead to the same side effects as those associated with excessive oral intake of Vitamin A.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:

- Do NOT use RENOVA if the patient is pregnant or is attempting to become pregnant or is at high risk of pregnancy,
- Do NOT use RENOVA if the patient is sunburned or if the patient has eczema or other chronic skin conditions of the face,
- Do NOT use RENOVA if the patient is inherently sensitive to sunlight,
- Do NOT use RENOVA if the patient is also taking drug(s) known to be photosensitizers (e.g., thiazides, tetracyclines, fluoroquinolones, phenothiazines, sulfonamides) because of the possibility of augmented phototoxicity.

Patients require detailed instruction to obtain maximal benefits and to understand all the precautions necessary to use this product with greatest safety. The physician should review the Patient Package Insert.

RENOVA should be applied to the face once a day in the evening, using only enough to cover the entire affected area lightly. Patients should gently wash their face with a mild soap, pat the skin dry, and wait 20 to 30 minutes before applying RENOVA. The patient should apply a small pearl-sized (about 0.25 inch or 0.5 millimeter diameter) amount of cream to cover the entire affected area lightly. Caution should be taken when applying the cream to avoid the eyes, ears, nostrils, and mouth.

Application of RENOVA may cause a transitory feeling of warmth or slight stinging.

Mitigation (palliation) of facial fine wrinkling may occur gradually over the course of therapy. Up to six months of therapy may be required before the effects are seen.

With discontinuation of RENOVA therapy, some patients may lose the mitigating effects of RENOVA on fine facial wrinkles. **The safety and effectiveness of using RENOVA 0.02% daily for greater than 52 weeks have not been established.**

Application of larger amounts of medication than recommended may not lead to more rapid or better results, and marked redness, peeling, or discomfort may occur.

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1 Patients treated with RENOVA may use cosmetics but the areas to be treated
2 should be cleansed before the medication is applied. (See **PRECAUTIONS**
3 section.)
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HOW SUPPLIED:

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8 RENOVA® (tretinoin cream), 0.02% is available in tubes containing 40 grams
9 (NDC XXXX-XXXX-XX).
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Storage: Store up to 25° (77°F), excursions permitted to 15-30°C (59°–86°F).

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15 **QUESTIONS:** Physicians and Pharmacists can call 1-800- XXX-XXXX, from 8:30
16 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.
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Rx only.

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RENOVA[®] (reh-NO-vah)
Generic Name: Tretinoin Cream (0.02%)
Use only on the Face

Read this leaflet carefully before you start to use your medicine. Read the information you get every time you get more medicine. There may be new information about the drug. This leaflet does not take the place of talks with your doctor. It is important for you to talk with your doctor about how to use RENOVA for the best results and how to reduce side effects.

What is the Most Important Information about RENOVA?

RENOVA is a serious medicine. **Do not use RENOVA if you are pregnant or attempting to become pregnant.** If you become pregnant while taking RENOVA, please contact your doctor immediately.

Avoid sunlight and other medicines that may increase your sensitivity to sunlight (See “Who should not use RENOVA?”).

RENOVA 0.02% does **not** remove wrinkles or repair sun-damaged skin. (See “What is RENOVA?” for more details.)

What is RENOVA?

RENOVA 0.02% is a prescription medicine that may reduce fine facial wrinkles. It is for patients who are using a total skin care and sunlight avoidance program. RENOVA does not remove wrinkles or repair sun-damaged skin. RENOVA does not work for everyone who uses it. It may work better for some patients than for others.

RENOVA should be used only under the guidance of your doctor as part of a sunlight avoidance program and total skin care. This program should include avoiding sunlight as much as possible, using clothing to protect you from sunlight, using sunscreens with a minimum SPF of 15, and using face creams that add moisture to the skin.

When you use RENOVA, you will not see improvement right away. Generally, you may notice some effects in 3 to 4 months. If RENOVA treatment is stopped, the improvement may gradually disappear.

The use of RENOVA 0.02% in patients for more than 52 weeks has not been studied. Therefore, it is not known if RENOVA 0.02% is safe or works if used longer than 52 weeks. In a study in people with medium to dark skin color, RENOVA 0.02% has not demonstrated a benefit over a sunlight avoidance program and total skin care. RENOVA 0.02% has not been studied in people with visible actinic keratosis, or in people with a history of skin cancer.

1 **Who should not use RENOVA?**

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3 Do not use RENOVA if:

- 4 • you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. If you become pregnant while
5 using RENOVA, please contact your doctor immediately.
6 • you are sunburned or your skin is irritated
7 • you are highly sensitive to sunlight
8 • you are allergic to any of RENOVA's ingredients. The active ingredient is
9 tretinoin. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about the inactive ingredients.

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11 RENOVA can cause increased skin irritation and increased chance of sunburn.

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13 Tell your doctor if you have any skin condition. RENOVA may not be right for you.

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15 Because RENOVA may make your skin more likely to burn from sunlight, tell your
16 doctor if you are using other medicines that increase sensitivity to sunlight. You
17 should not use RENOVA with such medicines. These include, but are not limited to:

- 18 • thiazides (to treat high blood pressure)
19 • tetracyclines, fluoroquinolones, sulfonamides (to treat infection)
20 • phenothiazines (to treat serious emotional problems)

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22 If you are taking any prescription or non-prescription medicines, check with your
23 doctor to make sure you can use RENOVA with them.

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25 We do not know if RENOVA is passed to infants through breast milk. Therefore, tell
26 your doctor if you are breast feeding.

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28 **How should I use RENOVA?**

29 Use RENOVA as part of a total skin care and sun avoidance program. Follow your
30 doctor's instructions on how to use RENOVA. RENOVA is usually applied to the
31 face once a day in the evening, following the 3 steps listed below:

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- 33 1. Gently wash your face with a mild soap.
34 2. Pat the skin dry and wait 20-30 minutes before applying RENOVA.
35 3. Apply only a small pearl-sized amount (about ¼ inch or 5 mm diameter) of
36 RENOVA to the face at one time. It should be enough to cover your affected
37 area lightly.

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39 Be especially careful when applying RENOVA to avoid your eyes, ears, nostrils,
40 angles of the nose, and mouth. RENOVA may cause severe redness, itching,
41 burning, stinging, and peeling if used on these areas.

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43 Using too much RENOVA may increase discomfort and skin redness and peeling.

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1 You may use cosmetics one hour after applying RENOVA. If you do, be sure to
2 clean your face before applying RENOVA again. Skin moisturizers should be used
3 at least every morning to protect the treated areas from dryness.

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5 Use sunscreen and wear protective clothing to protect the treated areas from
6 sunlight. If you sunburn easily, or if you spend a lot of time exposed to sunlight, be
7 especially careful to protect your skin.

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9 **What should I avoid while using RENOVA?**

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11 RENOVA can make your treated skin more sensitive to sunlight. Therefore, keep
12 out of the sunlight as much as possible and do not use sunlamps. Avoid as much as
13 possible products that can increase skin irritation, such as:

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- 15 • other skin medicines
- 16 ! medicated or abrasive (rough) soaps
- 17 • permanent wave solutions
- 18 ! chemical hair removers or waxes
- 19 ! electrolysis
- 20 ! products with alcohol, spices, astringents, or lime
- 21 • cleansers, shampoos, or cosmetics with a strong drying effect
- 22 • other products that may irritate your skin

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24 **What are the possible side effects of RENOVA?**

25 You may feel brief warmth or stinging on your skin after you use RENOVA. Most
26 patients report peeling, dry skin, burning, stinging, itching, and redness,. These are
27 usually mild to moderate and occur early in treatment. Contact your doctor if the
28 side effects are a problem.

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30 **General advice about prescription medicines**

31 Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in
32 patient information leaflets. Only use RENOVA to treat the condition that your
33 doctor has prescribed it for. Do not give RENOVA to other people. It may harm
34 them.

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36 This leaflet summarizes the most important information about RENOVA. If you
37 would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your pharmacist or
38 doctor for information about RENOVA that is written for health professionals.