ATOPIC DERMATITIS

COMPLIMENTARY COPY TAKE ONE HOME

WEEDENDON CONTRACTOR DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025

> **BY THE NUMBERS:** Stats & Facts page 3

FOCUS ON: LEARN THE BASICS OF YOUR CONDITION PAGE 10

FIRST PERSON: HERE'S HOW I CONTROL MY FLARES PAGE 14



(SCAN ME

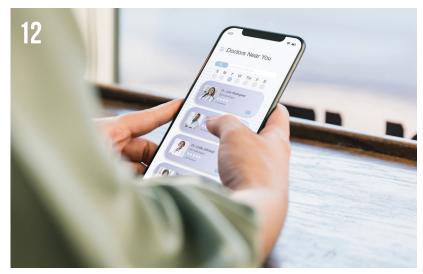
Access this content online. Use your smartphone camera to activate the QR code.

CONTENTS



- 10 FOCUS ON Learn the basics of atopic dermatitis
- 12 HEALTH SMARTS Choosing the right doctor
- 13 TREATMENT SMARTS Find out what options might work best for you
- 14 FIRST PERSON Here's how I control my flares
- 15 DISCUSSION GUIDE Are hormones and atopic dermatitis linked?
- 16 GOOD TO KNOW Essential oils for atopic dermatitis







WebMD Living With is not responsible for advertising claims. WebMD Living With (ISSN 1553-9946) is published by WebMD LLC and may not be reproduced in whole or in part without written permission of WebMD LLC. All rights reserved. All editorial content is reviewed by our board-certified physicians, is for informational purposes only, and is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. WebMD does not endorse any specific product, service, or treatment. Always seek the advice of your health care provider with any questions regarding a medical condition and never disregard professional medical advice or delay seeking it because of something you have read in a WebMD publication. If you think you have a medical emergency, call your doctor or 911 immediately. 2024 WebMD LLC. All rights reserved.

2 WebMD LIVING WITH | ATOPIC DERMATITIS

THIS CONTENT IS CREATED AND CONTROLLED BY WEBMD'S EDITORIAL STAFF

STATS & FACTS

By Sonya Collins Reviewed by Neha Pathak, MD, WebMD Lead Medical Editor



SOURCES: National Library of Medicine, Medical Journal of Australia, Australian Journal of Dermatology, Dermatology and Therapy



For people 12+ years with moderate to severe eczema (atopic dermatitis) that did not respond to previous treatment and their eczema is not well controlled using other pills or injections, including biologics, or the use of other pills or injections is not recommended.

⁶⁶ Within a few days I had less itch. My skin feels amazing!

MICHAEL, RINVOQ patient

USE & IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

USE

RINVOQ is a prescription medicine used to treat adults and children 12 years of age and older with moderate to severe eczema (atopic dermatitis) that did not respond to previous treatment and their eczema is not well controlled with other pills or injections, including biologic medicines, or the use of other pills or injections is not recommended. It is not known if RINVOQ is safe and effective in children under 12 years of age with atopic dermatitis.

What is the most important information I should know about RINVOQ?

RINVOQ may cause serious side effects, including:

• Serious infections. RINVOQ can lower your ability to fight infections. Serious infections have happened while taking RINVOQ, including tuberculosis (TB) and infections caused by bacteria, fungi, or viruses that can spread throughout the body. Some people have died from these infections. Your healthcare provider (HCP) should test you for TB before starting RINVOQ and check you closely for signs and symptoms of TB during treatment with RINVOQ. You should not start taking RINVOQ if you have any kind of infection

unless your HCP tells you it is okay. If you get a serious infection, your HCP may stop your treatment until your infection is controlled. You may be at higher risk of developing shingles (herpes zoster).

Increased risk of death in people 50 years and older who have at least 1 heart disease (cardiovascular) risk factor.

- Cancer and immune system problems. RINVOQ may increase your risk of certain cancers. Lymphoma and other cancers, including skin cancers, can happen. Current or past smokers are at higher risk of certain cancers, including lymphoma and lung cancer. Follow your HCP's advice about having your skin checked for skin cancer during treatment with RINVOQ. Limit the amount of time you spend in sunlight. Wear protective clothing when you are in the sun and use sunscreen.
- Increased risk of major cardiovascular (CV) events, such as heart attack, stroke, or death, in people 50 years and older who have at least 1 heart disease (CV) risk factor, especially if you are a current or past smoker.

 Blood clots. Blood clots in the veins of the leas or lungs and arteries can happen with RINVOQ. This may be life-threatening and cause death. Blood clots in the veins of the legs and lungs have happened more often in people who are 50 years and older and with at least

DRAMATIC RESULTS ARE POSSIBLE

RINVOQ helps heal your painful skin in two ways-by significantly reducing the itch and clearing the rash of eczema. In clinical trials, RINVOQ helped provide:

Itch Relief

- · Some felt significantly less itch as early as 2 days after first dose
- · Many felt significantly less itch at 16 weeks

RAPID & SIGNIFICANT Skin Clearance

- Some saw 75% skin clearance as early as 2 weeks—many at 16 weeks
- Some even saw 100% skin clearance at 16 weeks
- · Many saw clear or almost-clear skin at 16 weeks

LONG-TERM Results

 In another study of RINVOQ, many patients had clearer skin and less itch, even at 3 years*

*In a less rigorous study, after 16 weeks, physicians and patients knew that RINVOQ was being used, which may have influenced these results.

1 heart disease (CV) risk factor.

- · Allergic reactions. Symptoms such as rash (hives), trouble breathing, feeling faint or dizzy, or swelling of your lips, tongue, or throat, that may mean you are having an allergic reaction have been seen in people taking RINVOQ. Some of these reactions were serious. If any of these symptoms occur during treatment with RINVOQ, stop taking RINVOQ and get emergency medical help right away.
- Tears in the stomach or intestines. This happens most often in people who take nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) or corticosteroids. Get medical help right away if you get stomach-area pain, fever, chills, nausea, or vomiting.
- Changes in certain laboratory tests. Your HCP should do blood tests before you start taking RINVOQ and while you take it. Your HCP may stop your RINVOQ treatment for a period of time if needed because of changes in these blood test results.

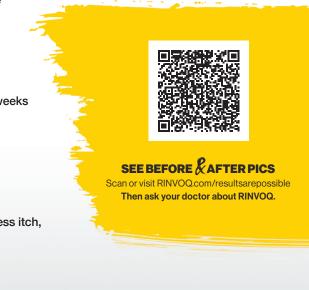
Do not take RINVOQ if you are allergic to upadacitinib or any of the ingredients in RINVOQ.

See the Medication Guide or Consumer Brief Summary for a complete list of ingredients.

- Have TB or have been in close contact with someone with TB.
- Are a current or past smoker.
- Have had a heart attack, other heart problems, or stroke. Have or have had any type of cancer, hepatitis B or C, shingles (herpes zoster), blood clots in the veins of your legs or lungs, diverticulitis (inflammation in parts of the large intestine), or ulcers in your stomach or intestines.

Please see additional Important Safety Information on the following page of this advertisement. Please see Brief Summary of Full Prescribing Information on the following pages of this advertisement.





What should I tell my HCP BEFORE starting **RINVOQ**?

Tell your HCP if you:

- Are being treated for an infection, have an infection that won't go away or keeps coming back, or have symptoms of an infection, such as:
- Fever, sweating,
- or chills
- Shortness of breath
- Warm, red, or painful skin
- or sores on your body
- Muscle aches
- Feeling tired
- Blood in phlegm
- Diarrhea or stomach pain
- Cough
- Weight loss
- Burning when urinating or urinating more often than normal

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

(continued from previous page)

- Have other medical conditions, including liver problems, low blood cell counts, diabetes, chronic lung disease, HIV, or a weak immune system.
- Live, have lived, or have traveled to parts of the country, such as the Ohio and Mississippi River valleys and the Southwest, that increase your risk of getting certain kinds of fungal infections. If you are unsure if you've been to these types of areas, ask your HCP.
- Have recently received or are scheduled to receive a vaccine. People who take RINVOQ should not receive live vaccines.
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. Based on animal studies, RINVOQ may harm your unborn baby. Your HCP will check whether or not you are pregnant before you start RINVOQ. You should use effective birth control (contraception) to avoid becoming pregnant during treatment with RINVOQ and for 4 weeks after your last dose.
- There is a pregnancy surveillance program for RINVOQ. The purpose of the program is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. If you become pregnant while taking RINVOQ, you are encouraged to report the pregnancy by calling 1-800-633-9110.
- Are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. RINVOQ may pass into your breast milk. Do not breastfeed during treatment with RINVOQ and for 6 days after your last dose.

Tell your HCP about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. RINVOQ and other medicines may affect each other, causing side effects.

Especially tell your HCP if you take:

- Medicines for fungal or bacterial infections
- Rifampicin or phenytoin
- Medicines that affect your immune system

If you are not sure if you are taking any of these medicines, ask your HCP or pharmacist.

What should I avoid while taking RINVOQ?

Avoid food or drink containing grapefruit during treatment with RINVOQ as it may increase the risk of side effects.

What should I do or tell my HCP AFTER starting **RINVOQ**?

• Tell your HCP right away if you have any symptoms of an infection. RINVOQ can make you more likely to get infections or make any infections you have worse.

• Get emergency help right away if you have any symptoms of a heart attack or stroke while taking RINVOQ, including:

- Discomfort in the center of your chest that lasts for more than a few minutes or that goes away and comes back
- Severe tightness, pain, pressure, or heaviness in your chest, throat, neck, or jaw
- Pain or discomfort in your arms, back, neck, jaw, or stomach
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort
- Breaking out in a cold sweat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Feeling lightheaded

- Weakness in one part or on one side of your body
- Slurred speech
- Tell your HCP right away if you have any signs or symptoms of blood clots during treatment with RINVOQ, including:
- Swelling
- Pain or tenderness in one or both legs
- Sudden unexplained chest or upper back pain
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Tell your HCP right away if you have a fever or stomach-area pain that does not go away, and a change in your bowel habits.

What are other possible side effects of **RINVOQ**?

Common side effects include upper respiratory tract infections (common cold, sinus infections), shingles (herpes zoster), herpes simplex virus infections (including cold sores), bronchitis, nausea, cough, fever, acne, headache, increased blood levels of creatine phosphokinase, allergic reactions, inflammation of hair follicles, stomach-area (abdominal) pain, increased weight, flu, tiredness, lower number of certain types of white blood cells (neutropenia, lymphopenia, leukopenia), muscle pain, flu-like illness, rash, increased blood cholesterol levels, increased liver enzyme levels, pneumonia, low number of red blood cells (anemia), and infection of the stomach and intestine (gastroenteritis).

A separation or tear to the lining of the back part of the eye (retinal detachment) has happened in people with atopic dermatitis treated with RINVOQ. Call your HCP right away if you have any sudden changes in your vision during treatment with RINVOQ.

Some people taking RINVOQ may see medicine residue (a whole tablet or tablet pieces) in their stool. If this happens, call your healthcare provider.

These are not all the possible side effects of RINVOQ

How should I take **RINVOQ**?

RINVOQ is taken once a day with or without food. Do not split, crush, or chew the tablet. Take RINVOQ exactly as your HCP tells you to use it. RINVOQ is available in 15 mg, 30 mg, and 45 mg extended-release tablets.

This is the most important information to know about **RINVOQ.** For more information, talk to your HCP.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/ medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

If you are having difficulty paying for your medicine. AbbVie may be able to help. Visit AbbVie.com/ myAbbVieAssist to learn more.

Please see Brief Summary of Full Prescribing Information on the following pages of this advertisement.

© 2024 AbbVie. All rights reserved. RINVOQ[®] and its design are registered trademarks of AbbVie Biotechnology Ltd. US-RNQD-240162 | April 2024



RINVOQ® (RIN-VOKE) (upadacitinib) extended-release tablets, for oral use **RINVOQ® LQ (RIN-VOKE EL-CUE)** (upadacitinib) oral solution

Patient Information

Read the Medication Guide that comes a refill. There may be new information the place of talking with your doctor ab Prescribing Information, visit www.RIN

serious infection, your healthcare provi stop your treatment with RINVOQ/RINVO vour infection is controlled

RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ can cause serious side effects, including: 1. Serious Infections.

What is the most important information

RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ is a medicine that affects your immune system. RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ can lower the ability of your immune system to fight infections. Some people have had serious infections while taking RINVOQ, including tuberculosis (TB), and infections caused by bacteria, fungi, or viruses that can spread throughout the body. Some people

have died from these infections · Your healthcare provider should test you for TB before starting treatment with RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ.

- Your healthcare provider should watch you
- closely for signs and symptoms of TB during treatment with RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ.
- You should not start taking RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ if you have any kind of infection unless your healthcare provider tells you it is okay. You may be at a higher risk of developing shingles
- (herpes zoster). Before starting RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ, tell your healthcare provider if you:
- · are being treated for an infection
- . have had an infection that does not go away or
- that keeps coming back. have diabetes, chronic lung disease, HIV, or a weak immune system

. have TB or have been in close contact with someone with TB

have had shingles (herpes zoster).

 have or have had hepatitis B or C · live or have lived, or have traveled to certain parts of the country (such as the Ohio and Mississippi River valleys and the Southwest) where there is an increased chance for getting certain kinds of fungal infections. These infections may happen or become more sever if you use RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ. Ask your healthcare provider if you do not know if you have lived in an area where these infections

 muscle cough fever.

 weight loss aches feeling tired burning blood in when you vour phleam urinate or diarrhea or urinating stomach more often than usual

After starting RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ, call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of an infection. RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ can make you more likely to get infections or make worse any infections that you have. If you get a

Blood clots in the veins of your legs (deep thrombosis, DVT) or lungs (pulmonary em PE) and arteries (arterial thrombosis) can some people taking RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ. life-threatening and cause death. Blood c veins of the legs (DVT) and lungs (PE) have

I should know about RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ? 2. Increased risk of death in people age and older who have at least 1 he

(cardiovascular) risk factor and are medicine in the class of medicines of kinase (JAK) inhibitors. RINVOQ/RIN JAK inhibitor medicine.

3. Cancer and immune system proble

RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ may increase your certain cancers by changing the way ye system works

Lymphoma and other cancers, including cancers can happen in people taking RI RINVOQ LQ. People taking a medicine i of medicines called Janus kinase (JAK) have a higher risk of certain cancers in lymphoma and lung cancer, especially current or past smoker

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any type of cancer. Follow your healthcar advice about having your skin checked for cancer during treatment with RINVOQ/RI Limit the amount of time you spend in su using tanning beds or sunlamps. Wear pr clothing when you are in the sun and use with a high protection factor (SPF 30 and is especially important if your skin is very have a family history of skin cancer.

4. Increased risk of maior cardiovas such as heart attack, stroke or death 50 years of age and older who have 1 heart disease (cardiovascular) ris taking a medicine in the class of me called JAK inhibitors, especially if yo current or past smoker.

Get emergency help right away if you h symptoms of a heart attack or stroke w RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ, including: discomfort in the center of your ches

for more than a few minutes, or that and comes back severe tightness, pain, pressure, or h

your chest, throat, neck, or jaw

pain or discomfort in your arms, back or stomach

shortness of breath with or without che

breaking out in a cold sweat nausea or vomiting

feeling lightheaded

weakness in one part or on one side

slurred speech

5. Blood Clots (thrombosis)

are common

. think you have an infection or have symptoms of an infection such as: sweating, or chills shortness of breath · warm, red,

or painful skin or sores pain on your body

CONSUMER BRIEF SUMMARY

Consult Package Insert for full Prescribing Information

. This brief summary is not comprehensive and does not take				
. This brief su	mmary is not comprehensive and does not take			
out your medical condition or treatment. For a copy of the full				
vou.com or ca	II 1-800-2-RINVOQ (1-800-274-6867).			
der may	more often in people who are 50 years of age and			
OQ LQ until	older and with at least 1 heart disease (cardiovascular)			
	risk factor taking a medicine in the class of medicines			
	called Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors.			
50 years of	• Tell your healthcare provider if you have had blood			
eart disease	clots in the veins of your legs or lungs in the past.			
taking a	 Get medical help right away if you have signs and 			
alled Janus	symptoms of blood clots during treatment with			
VOQ LQ is a	RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ, including:			
ems.	swelling sudden unexplained chest			
risk of	pain or or upper back pain			
our immune	tenderness in one • shortness of breath or			
	or both legs difficulty breathing			
a akin	6. Allergic reactions. Symptoms such as rash			
ig skin INVOQ/	(hives), trouble breathing, feeling faint or dizzy, or			
n the class	swelling of your lips, tongue, or throat, that may			
inhibitors	mean you are having an allergic reaction have			
	been seen in people taking RINVOQ. Some of these			
icluding if you are a	reactions were serious. If any of these symptoms			
li you are a	occur during treatment with RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ,			
	stop taking RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ and get emergency			
ever had	medical help right away.			
re provider's				
or skin	7. Tears (perforation) in the stomach or intestines.			
NVOQ LQ.	 Tell your healthcare provider if you have had divertiguitie (inflammation in parts of the large 			
unlight. Avoid	diverticulitis (inflammation in parts of the large			
rotective	intestine) or ulcers in your stomach or intestines.			
e a sunscreen	Some people taking RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ can get			
d above). This	tears in their stomach or intestines. This happens			
y fair or if you	most often in people who take nonsteroidal			
	anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) or corticosteroids.			
cular events	Get medical help right away if you get			
h in people	stomach-area pain, fever, chills, nausea, or			
at least	vomiting.			
c factor and	8. Changes in certain laboratory test results.			
dicines	Your healthcare provider should do blood tests before			
ou are a	you start taking RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ and while you			
	take RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ to check for the following:			
nave any	Iow neutrophil and lymphocyte counts.			
hile taking	Neutrophils and lymphocytes are types of white			
5	blood cells that help the body fight off infections.			
t that lasts	 low red blood cell counts. Red blood cells carry 			
goes away	oxygen. Low red blood cells means you may have			
с ,	anemia, which may make you feel weak and tired.			
neaviness in	 increased cholesterol levels. Your healthcare 			
	provider should do blood tests to check your			
k, neck, jaw,	cholesterol levels approximately 12 weeks after you			
.,, j ,	start taking RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ, and as needed.			
est discomfort	 elevated liver enzymes. Liver enzymes help to 			
	tell if your liver is functioning normally. Elevated			
	liver enzymes may indicate that your healthcare			
	provider needs to do additional tests on your liver.			
of your body	You should not take RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ if your			
S. Jour bouy	neutrophil count, lymphocyte count, or red blood			
	cell count is too low or your liver tests are too high.			
	Your healthcare provider may stop your RINVOQ/			
vein	RINVOQ LQ treatment for a period of time if needed			
ibolism,	because of changes in these blood test results.			
happen in	0			
This may be	See "What are the possible side effects of			
lots in the	RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ?" for more information about			
e happened	side effects.			

What is RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ?	Before taking RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ, tell your	How should I take RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ?
 RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ is a prescription medicine that is a Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitor. RINVOQ is used to treat adults with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis when 1 or more medicines called tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blockers have been used, and did not work well or could not be tolerated. RINVOQ is used to treat adults with active psoriatic arthritis when 1 or more medicines called tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blockers have been used, and did not work well or could not be tolerated. RINVOQ is used to treat adults and children 12 years of age and older with moderate to severe eczema (atopic dermatitis) that did not respond to previous treatment and their 	 healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you: See "What is the most important information I should know about RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ?" have an infection. are a current or past smoker. have had a heart attack, other heart problems, or stroke. have kidney problems. have unexplained stomach (abdominal) pain, have a history of diverticulitis or ulcers in your stomach or intestines, or are taking NSAIDs. have necently received or are scheduled to receive an immunization (vaccine). People who take RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ should not receive live vaccines. are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. Based on animal studies, RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ may harm your unborn baby. Females who are able to become pregnant: Your healthcare provider will check whether or not you are pregnant before you start treatment with RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ. You should use effective birth control 	 Take RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to use it. Take RINVOQ LQ 2 times a day with or without food. Take RINVOQ tablets 1 time a day with or without food. Swallow RINVOQ tablets whole. Do not split, crush, or chew the tablets. RINVOQ LQ is not the same as RINVOQ tablets. Do not switch between RINVOQ LQ and RINVOQ tablets unless the change has been made by your healthcare provider. If you take too much RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ, call your healthcare provider or Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222, or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.
eczema is not well controlled with other pills or injections, including biologic medicines, or the use of other pills or injections is not		What should I avoid while taking RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ?
 RINVOQ is used to treat adults with moderate to severe ulcerative colitis when 1 or more medicines called tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blockers have been used, and did not work well 		Avoid food or drink containing grapefruit during treatment with RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ. Eating grapefruit or drinking grapefruit juice may increase the risk of side effects.
or could not be tolerated. • RINVOQ is used to treat adults with moderate		What are the possible side effects of RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ?
to severe Crohn's disease when 1 or more medicines called tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blockers have been used, and did not work well or could not be tolerated. RINVOQ is used to treat adults with active ankylosing spondylitis when 1 or more medicines called tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blockers have been used, and did not work well or could not be tolerated. RINVOQ is used to treat adults with active non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis with objective signs of inflammation when a tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blocker medicine has been used, and did not work well or could not be tolerated. RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ is used to treat children 2 years of age and older with active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA) when 1 or more medicines called tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blockers have been used, and did not work well or could not be tolerated. RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ is used to treat children 2 to less than 18 years of age with active positic arthritis when 1 or more medicines called tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blockers have been used, and did not work well or could not be tolerated. It is not known if RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ is safe and effective in children with ankylosing spondylitis, non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis, ulcerative colitis, or Crohn's disease. It is not known if RINVOQ is safe and effective	 (contraception) to avoid becoming pregnant during treatment with RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ and for 4 weeks after your last dose of RINVOQ/ RINVOQ LQ. Tell your healthcare provider if you think you are pregnant or become pregnant during treatment with RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ. There is a pregnancy surveillance program for RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ. There is a pregnancy surveillance program for RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ. The purpose of the program is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. If you become pregnant while taking RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ, you are encouraged to report the pregnancy by calling 1-800-633-9110. are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ may pass into your breast milk. You and your healthcare provider should decide if you will take RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ or breastfeed. Do not breastfeed during treatment with RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ. Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ and other medicines may affect each other causing side effects. Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take: medicines for fungal infections (such as ketoconazole, itraconazole, posaconazole or 	Common side effects include upper respiratory tract infections (common cold, sinus infections), shingles (herpes zoster), herpes simplex virus infections (including cold sores), bronchitis, nausea, cough, fever, acne, headache, increased blood levels of creatine phosphokinase, allergic reactions, inflammation of hair follicles, stomach-area (abdominal) pain, increased weight, flu, tiredness, lower number of certain types of white blood cells (neutropenia, lymphopenia, leukopenia), muscle pain, flu-like illness, rash, increased blood cholesterol levels, increased liver enzyme levels, pneumonia, low number of red blood cells (anemia), and infection of the stomach and intestine (gastroenteritis). Separation or tear to the lining of the back part of the eye (retinal detachment) has happened in people with atopic dermatitis treated with RINVOQ. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any sudden changes in your vision during treatment with RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ. Some people taking RINVOQ may see medicine residue (a whole tablet or tablet pieces) in their stool. If this happens, call your healthcare provider. These are not all the possible side effects of RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.
It is not known if RINVOQ is safe and effective in children under 12 years of age with atopic dermatitis. It is not known if RINVOQ LQ is safe and effective in children with atopic dermatitis. It is not known if RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ is safe and effective in children under 2 years of age with pJIA or psoriatic arthritis. Do not take RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ if you are allergic to upadacitinib or any of the ingredients in RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ. See the end of this Consumer Brief Summary for a complete list of ingredients in RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ.	ketoconazole, itraconazole, posaconazole or voriconazole) or clarithromycin (for bacterial infections) as these medicines may increase the amount of RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ in your blood. • rifampicin (for bacterial infections) or phenytoin (for neurological disorders) as these medicines may decrease the effect of RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ. • medicines that affect your immune system (such as azathioprine and cyclosporine) as these medicines may increase your risk of infection. Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist, if you are not sure if you are taking any of these medicines. Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.	 How should I store RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ? Store RINVOQ tablets between 36°F to 77°F (2°C to 25°C). Store RINVOQ tablets in the original bottle to protect from moisture. Store RINVOQ LQ between 36°F to 86°F (2°C to 30°C). Throw away (discard) remaining RINVOQ LQ 60 days after opening the bottle. Keep RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ and all medicines out of the reach of children.

effective use of RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ.	
Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give RINVOQ/ RINVOQ LQ to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about RINVOQ/RINVOQ LQ that is written for health professionals.	Active ingredient: upadacitinib Inactive ingredients: colloidal sii hypromellose, iron oxide red, mag mannitol, microcrystalline cellulos alcohol, polyethylene glycol, talc, titanium dioxide. What are the ingredients in RINVI Active ingredient: upadacitinib Inactive ingredients: colloidal sil hypromellose, iron oxide yellow ai magnesium stearate, mannitol, m cellulose, polyvinyl alcohol, polyet talc, tartaric acid and titanium dio What are the ingredients in RIN Active ingredient: upadacitinib Inactive ingredient: upadacitinib Inactive ingredients: citric acid a purified water, sodium benzoate,
What are the ingredients in RINVOQ 15 mg tablets?	
Active ingredient: upadacitinib Inactive ingredients: colloidal silicon dioxide, ferrosoferric oxide, hypromellose, iron oxide red, magnesium stearate, mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, polyvinyl alcohol, polyethylene glycol, talc, tartaric acid and titanium dioxide.	

e ingredients: colloidal silicon did nellose, iron oxide red, magnesiun tol, microcrystalline cellulose, poly I, polyethylene glycol, talc, tartaric 1 dioxide.

ve ingredients: colloidal silicon did tellose, iron oxide yellow and iron sium stearate, mannitol, microcry se, polyvinyl alcohol, polyethylene

ingredient: upadacitinib e ingredients: citric acid anhydro

oper respiratory sinus infections),

INVOQ LQ?

- n 36°F to 77°F
- riginal bottle to
- °F to 86°F
- ing RINVOQ LQ 60
- nd all medicines

General information about the safe and What are the ingredients in RINVOQ 30 n

are the ingredients in RINVOQ 45 n

rtaric acid and titanium dioxide. are the ingredients in RINVOQ LO

d water, sodium benzoate, sodium dihydrate and sucralose.

mg tablets?	Manufactured by: AbbVie Inc., North Chicago, IL 60064, USA		
ioxide, m stearate.	RINVOQ [®] is a registered trademark of AbbVie Biotechnology Ltd.		
yvinyl	©2019-2024 AbbVie Inc.		
c acid and	You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the		
mg tablets?	FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.		
ioxide, 1 oxide red,	If you are having difficulty paying for your medicine, AbbVie may be able to help. Visit AbbVie.com/myAbbVieAssist to learn more.		
ystalline	Ref: 20081173 Revised: April 2024		
e glycol,	LAB-11294 MASTER		
Q?			
	US-RNQD-240162		
rous, n citrate	abbvie		

WHAT IS ATOPIC DERMATITIS? LEARN THE BASICS OF

LEARN THE BASICS OF YOUR SKIN CONDITION

By Rachel Reiff Ellis

Reviewed by Stephanie Gardner, MD, WebMD Medical Reviewer

One in 10 Americans have atopic dermatitis (AD). Although it's most common to get it in childhood, it affects skin of all ages. AD is the most common form of eczema, a skin condition caused by inflammation that starts on the inside layers of your skin.

"Certain cells start this inflammatory reaction, and that makes the outside of your skin—the part you can see—get itchiness, dry skin, rashes, scaly patches, blisters, and skin infections," says Jacqueline Eghrari-Sabet, MD, an allergist/immunologist with the Allergy & Asthma Network in Gaithersburg, MD.

But even though it may look like it could spread to others, it's not contagious. You don't catch it from someone else. It's a complex disease with many factors that cause it.

CAUSES

Many people with AD have a genetic link to the condition.

"The genes involved are those that affect the skin's epidermal barrier," says Shadi Damanpour, MD, a dermatologist with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. "Other causes include how your immune system works, where you live, and what you're frequently exposed to."

Immune system. Eczema makes your immune system overreact to small irritants or

WHO GETS IT?

Jacqueline Eghrari-Sabet, MD, lists risk factors for eczema.

- + **Age.** 10% to 20% of infants have it. (Half outgrow it.)
- + **Gender.** Women get it more often than men do.
- + Race/Ethnicity. Affects all, but more common in African American people.



allergens in your environment.

"When you contact a trigger, your immune system assumes that these small irritants are foreign invaders, like bacteria or viruses, that can harm your body," Eghrari-Sabet says.

As a result, the triggers activate your body's natural defense system: inflammation. Inflammation causes symptoms of eczema on your skin.

Genes. You're more likely to have eczema if there's a history of dermatitis, hay fever, or allergies in your family. You could also have a genetic mutation that causes your skin's barrier function to not work as it should.

Environment. There's a lot in your environment that can irritate your skin. Some examples include smoke, air pollutants, harsh soaps, fabrics such as wool, and some skin care products.

"Low humidity, or dry air, can cause your skin to become dry and itchy," Eghrari-Sabet says. "Heat and high humidity can cause sweating, and that can make your itchiness even worse."

SYMPTOMS

The hallmark of AD is a persistent itch. Once you scratch that itch, a rash starts to form.

"Doctors often call it 'the itch that rashes," Damanpour says.

The most common places for AD rash to appear are in the creases of your skin, such as the neck, elbows, and knees, although you can get it anywhere on your body. Over time, these rashes can thicken and get discolored.

"On white skin it can look red and pink and on darker skin, purple, brown, or gray," Eghrari-Sabet says. "But the cracked, dry, split skin sometimes with blisters—is the same on all skin."

Sometimes these patches ooze, seep fluid, and bleed, which makes them easy targets for infection. Controlling the itch is the best prevention.

Dermatologists recommend moisturizing immediately after bathing to seal in moisture, and sticking to fragrance-free skin care products, including laundry detergent, to help calm the itch that causes the rash. You can also talk to your doctor about over-the-counter and prescription ways to manage your condition.

"There are excellent resources and treatment options," Damanpour says. "The best management is excellent skin care."

COMMON ATOPIC DERMATITIS TRIGGERS

These substances can set off the itch-scratch cycle.

- Rough wool fabric
- Dry skin
- Skin infection
- Heat and sweat
- Stress
- Cleaning products
- Dust mites
- Pet dander
- Mold
- Pollen
- Tobacco smoke
- Cold, dry air
- Fragrances



CHOOSING THE RIGHT DOCTOR

ATOPIC DERMATITIS CAN MAKE A BIG IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE. GETTING THE RIGHT CARE MATTERS.

By Sonya Collins **Reviewed by** Neha Pathak, MD, WebMD Lead Medical Editor

Whether you've just gotten diagnosed with atopic dermatitis or you're seeking a second opinion about your treatment plan, it's important to find the right doctor to handle your care.

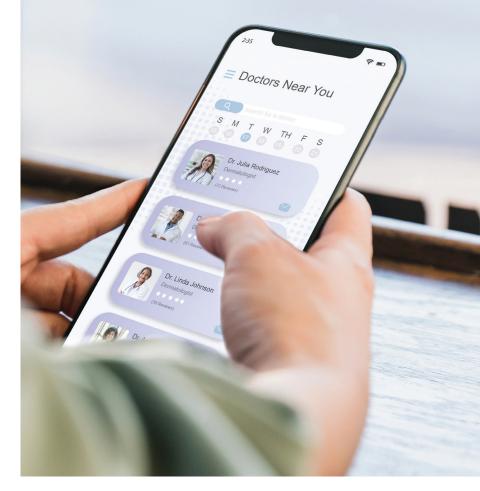
Here are some tips to guide you in your doctor search.

CHOOSE A BOARD-CERTIFIED DERMATOLOGIST

Dermatologists are trained to take care of people with skin conditions including atopic dermatitis. Do your homework to make sure you're getting the real thing.

"There are doctors in completely different specialties, like gynecology, emergency medicine, or family medicine, who label themselves as having a dermatology clinic," says Sonya Kenkare, MD, FAAD, a dermatologist at Illinois Dermatology Institute in Hinsdale. "Make the effort to seek out a board-certified dermatologist."

Dermatologists may be board certified by the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Those certified by the AAD will have FAAD, for Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology, after their name.



To find FAADs in your area, go to Find a Dermatologist at AAD.org. Once you get the names of certified local dermatologists, cross-check them in your health plan's provider network.

MAKE SURE THE FOCUS IS MEDICINE

While board-certified dermatologists have training in the diagnosis and treatment of skin diseases, not all of them spend their days seeing patients with these conditions. Many dermatologists specialize in cosmetic procedures.

You'll want a doctor who focuses on medical treatment.

"A practice that's solely focused on cosmetics would not be the best fit for eczema," Kenkare says. "Looking at their website can give you an idea of the vibe of that practice."

CONSIDER THEIR APPROACH TO TREATMENT

Many new treatment options for atopic dermatitis have hit the market in recent years. They've raised the bar on what you can expect from your medication. Even if you don't need them at first, you'll want to see a doctor who is comfortable prescribing these latest medicines.

"Eczema is an area of dermatology where there are a lot of cutting-edge advancements," Kenkare says, "but not every doctor is an early adopter of new therapies."

Consider asking potential doctors these questions:

- What are my treatment options?
- Why do you recommend this one?
- If this doesn't work, what will we try next?

You'll want to know you're working with a doctor who's ready to move on to newer or stronger treatments when you need them.



SCAN MF

For more on treatment, watch "Weighing the Costs of Treatment." Use your smartphone camera to activate the QR code.



KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

FIND OUT WHAT MIGHT WORK BEST FOR YOU

By Sonya Collins

Reviewed by Neha Pathak, MD, WebMD Lead Medical Editor

If your treatment for atopic dermatitis, also called eczema, doesn't bring you full relief, there's almost always something else you can try.

"In the last decade, the FDA approved a number of drugs with different mechanisms for atopic dermatitis. Previously we had very limited tools to help manage patients," says Anisha B. Patel, MD, associate professor of dermatology at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Your doctor can find the best treatment for your needs and your preferences.

TOPICAL TREATMENTS

You might first try ointments, gels, or creams that you rub onto your skin. You'll either use these daily for prevention or only during a flare.

"Since we have both topical steroids and immune modulators, we have many good options," Patel says.

Topical steroids cut inflammation and symptoms, like redness and itch, on the skin's surface. But they don't treat the cause of the inflammation.

Topical JAK inhibitors, PDE4 inhibitors, and calcineurin inhibitors block immune system activity that creates inflammation. By interfering at this level, the medicines stop the cause of atopic dermatitis rather than just the symptoms of it.

LIGHT THERAPY

Phototherapy, also called light therapy, can help for atopic dermatitis that's all over your body. You might also try it if you have flares in focused areas that don't get better with topicals.

This treatment beams light at a specific wavelength onto your skin. "It's a very narrow wavelength of light that has the best profile of anti-inflammatory properties balanced by the lowest skin cancer risk," Patel says.

You may use a light booth at your doctor's office or your insurance might cover a device for home use.

BIOLOGICS

Biologic therapy gets into the bloodstream to stop your immune system from triggering an atopic dermatitis flare. When your body is fighting an illness, it releases attack proteins called interleukins (ILs). The problem is that in atopic dermatitis, your system overreacts and releases ILs for no reason. They fire off and attack your skin. Biologics interfere with their activity.

You either inject this medicine just under your skin or into a vein. "People can be intimidated by injecting themselves, but these come in either prefilled syringes or in a little plastic injector pen that you just hold up to skin, click the button, and it injects at exactly the right depth," Patel says.

OTHER TREATMENTS

In addition to prescribed care, you might use DIY home treatments to relieve redness and itch. Raw, irritated skin can also be infection-prone, which means you could need occasional antibiotics.

To choose a treatment, Patel says, "We balance the lifestyle of the patient, other health conditions, and the severity of the disease to work out the specific management plan that will work best for them."



SCAN MF

For more on self-care, read "Love the Skin You're In: Relating to Your AD." Use your smartphone camera to activate the QR code.

MY JOURNEY WITH ATOPIC DERMATITIS

HERE'S HOW I CONTROL MY FLARES EVEN WHEN MY SKIN 'HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN'

Bv Alicia Clark

Reviewed by Neha Pathak, MD, WebMD Lead Medical Editor

My mother first noticed my atopic dermatitis, the most common type of eczema, when I was 5 years old. It started on the fingers of my left hand before spreading throughout the rest of my body. I'm 35 now, so I can't remember all the various treatments I've tried over the years. Fortunately, I haven't developed any topical steroid withdrawal, which is a severe reaction that can happen when you use topical steroids and then stop. I'm fortunate to have more moderate symptoms than I used to, but my eczema is still hard to manage because of the way it comes and goes in different places.

LIFESTYLE MEASURES

I'm careful to use special lotion, soaps, and fragrances. During the winter, my skin is the driest and I have to be extra sure to moisturize well. It's a seasonal change that my skin notices, and it just decides to act up.

My hands have been the most problematic area for me, and I have to be careful with things I touch. Wearing gloves to protect my skin barrier is essential for everyday tasks, such as cleaning around the house or gardening outside. I also sometimes sleep in nitrile gloves to seal the moisturizer and medication I put on my hands at night. The gloves help, but it's still hard not to scratch. My family and friends tell me not to all the time, and it just makes me scratch even more. Topical treatments offer immediate relief and help it go away, but it doesn't necessarily stay away. I don't know what causes my eczema to flare; it's like my skin has a mind of its own.

OPENING DOORS

Recently, atopic dermatitis has gotten more attention. Three years ago, I found out that the National Eczema Association (NEA) has a conference every year, and now I'm an NEA Ambassador. That has opened the doors for me to get



ALICIA'S TIPS

- + Find the right doctor to ensure you have a proper diagnosis and can use the right treatments.
- + Experiment with lotions and soaps until you find what works for you. Try to be patient, as it takes time to figure it out and see results.
- + Consider getting involved with the National Eczema Association (NationalEczema.org) or another group. It's a good starting point for learning about your options and meeting people who understand.

involved and see new products and treatments that I could try. It has helped my family understand better what I've been going through my whole life. too.

For whatever reason—maybe aging has something to do with it-but lately my eczema is in places where it normally wasn't, including on my feet and in places that get sweaty. It feels good knowing that there are more ways to combat my flares today. Staying aware of your body and knowing when you need to go to your doctor is important. Staying on top of your flares as much as possible is key.

WebMD LIVING WITH | ATOPIC DERMATITIS

THIS CONTENT IS CREATED AND CONTROLLED BY WEBMD'S EDITORIAL STAFF

HORMONES **AND ATOPIC** DERMATITIS

ARE THEY LINKED? By Rachel Reiff Ellis

Reviewed by Neha Pathak, MD, WebMD Lead Medical Editor

Doctors don't know exactly what causes atopic dermatitis, but they know some of the factors that influence the disease. Your immune system, your environment, and your genes all play a part.

Some research suggests hormones may also be involved in the process, but the relationship between the two is complicated, says Kevin Sharghi, MD, an assistant professor of dermatology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD.

"It's a complex topic with a lot of contradictory reports," Sharghi says. "There is a lot that we still need to learn about hormones and atopic dermatitis, but fortunately there is more research being done in this space."

SEX HORMONES

There's some evidence that the sex hormones-progesterone, estrogen, and testosterone-can affect your skin. But research on how-or whether-they're involved in atopic dermatitis is conflicting. Interestingly, more boys than girls have atopic dermatitis in childhood, but after puberty, that reverses.

"Some people who have menstrual cycles mention that their atopic dermatitis may flare the week before their period," Sharghi says. "There is a rare rash called progesterone dermatitis, which is characterized by a cycle-like rash that develops in menstruating patients. It's thought to be due to the higher levels of progesterone during the menstrual cycle."

After menopause, estrogen levels drop, and as a result, skin is drier and the skin

barrier breaks down some, leading to an increased risk of becoming inflamed and irritated.

STRESS HORMONES

Stress can cause inflammation throughout the body, including the skin. Cortisol is the hormone that floods your body during a "fight-or-flight" response. It changes the production of oils in your skin, which can cause irritation.

"It's not the root cause of atopic dermatitis, but it can make it flare," Sharghi says.

BOTTOM LINE

There's no straightforward way to tell if your atopic dermatitis is due to hormones. Lab testing isn't consistent and can't accurately pinpoint a cause. You may need treatment

specific to hormone imbalance, but that's not common for atopic dermatitis care.

"For patients whose atopic dermatitis is strongly linked with their hormones or with progesterone dermatitis, hormone replacement therapy or oral contraceptives may be indicated, though those cases are rare," Sharghi says.

For now, he says, the best course of action for all people with atopic dermatitis is to follow gentle skin care routines and use mainstay treatments such as topical steroidal and nonsteroidal creams, injectables, and oral medications.





ESSENTIAL OILS FOR ATOPIC DERMATITIS

A DERMATOLOGIST EXPLAINS WHY YOU MIGHT AVOID THESE PLANT EXTRACTS AND MORE

By Sonya Collins

Reviewed by Stephanie Gardner, MD, WebMD Medical Reviewer

You're looking for a natural remedy for your atopic dermatitis, and you've heard that essential oils have benefits for the skin. But are they a good idea for *your* skin?

"There isn't strong research to support using essential oils for atopic dermatitis," says Steven Daveluy, MD, assistant professor at the Wayne State University School of Medicine's Department of Dermatology in Detroit. "It's best to avoid them due to the risk of irritation. Even when diluted appropriately, there's a risk of developing an allergy."

While essential oils may not be the right choice, you can safely explore other complementary and alternative therapies.

ESSENTIAL OILS, PLANT ESSENCES

Essential oils are concentrated plant extracts. You breathe in their scent for aromatherapy or dilute them and apply them to your skin. Common oils include lavender, frankincense, and tea tree.

BENEFITS FOR SOME, NOT ALL

Some research suggests essential oils can boost mood, kill germs, relieve pain, and cut inflammation. But they may not relieve the inflammation that comes from eczema. In fact, putting these potent plant extracts directly on irritated skin could make it worse.

SMART ALTERNATIVES

If your skin craves moisturizing oils, you've got options.

"Virgin olive oil, coconut oil, and sunflower seed oil have proven effectiveness in treating atopic dermatitis," Daveluy says. "These are great natural options to moisturize and calm your skin."

CBD oils may also have benefits for eczema. In a small study, twice daily CBD-infused skin cream reduced itching for some people within a week and completely relieved it within three.

"CBD is derived from cannabis but doesn't affect the brain, so you don't get high," Daveluy says.

As for other alternative therapies, rice paper face masks can soothe facial eczema. Take the same rice paper you'd use to make fresh spring rolls and cut holes for your eyes, nose, and mouth. Then, wet the paper, press it onto your face, and wear it to bed.

For eczema on your eyes, black tea compresses may help. Steep the tea once and drink it or toss it. Then, steep it again. Soak a washcloth in that second cup and place it on your eyelids for 20 minutes, up to five times a day.

If you're not sure about the safety or effectiveness of an alternative therapy for eczema, ask your doctor first.