



Prior Authorization Approval Criteria *Epiduo (Adapalene/benzoyl peroxide topical gel)*

Generic name:	Adapalene 0.1%/benzoyl peroxide 2.5% topical gel
Brand name:	Epiduo
Medication class:	Topical anti-acne agent
FDA-approved uses:	Topical treatment of acne vulgaris
Available dosage forms:	Gel in a 45 g tube.
Usual dose:	Applied once daily.
Approximate cost: (based on AWP 2009)	\$209.00/45 g tube
Duration of therapy:	Indefinite

Criteria for use (*bullet points below are all inclusive unless otherwise noted*):

- Clinically diagnosed acne vulgaris
 - Failed topical tretinoin alone.
 - Failed topical benzoyl peroxide alone.
 - Intolerance to using tretinoin and benzoyl peroxide simultaneously.
- OR**
- Inability to use two separate medications.

Contraindications:

- None at this time.

Not approved if:

- The patient has not tried tretinoin and benzoyl peroxide as separate products.
- Patient was non-compliant using tretinoin and benzoyl peroxide as separate products simultaneously.
- Product is being used for convenience.

Special Considerations:

- The efficacy of Epiduo has not been compared to other retinoids and antimicrobials.

FCHP Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee approval: _____

Date: _____

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