

## Salicylic Acid- The Multipurpose Skin Care Material-1

Salicylic acid is a kind of Beta Hydroxy acid. Salicylic acid is used to soften the thick and scaly skin. It is commonly used as a topical medicine. It softens the keratin, which is the primary protein that forms skin, hair and nails. By breaking down keratin, salicylic acid makes it easy to remove unwanted skin. It is therefore used to treat warts, corns, calluses, acne, psoriasis, etc. Salicylic preparations come in many forms and strengths depending on the intended usage. Salicylic acid needs to be used very carefully. Let us find out more about salicylic acid usage and the care you should take while using this medication.

Problems that are treated with Salicylic acid

Most of the problems that can be resolved with skin shedding are treated with salicylic acid. You must always consult your doctor before using salicylic acid. Normally it is used to treat problems such as

Acne,  
Viral Warts,  
Psoriasis,  
Calluses,  
Corns,  
Seborrhoeic Dermatitis,  
Lichen Simplex, etc.

Salicylic acid works by breaking down the keratin and then the thickened skin is easy to remove. For acne, salicylic acid works by breaking down the blackheads and whiteheads. It also slows down the unnatural shedding of cells inside the gland that block the gland opening and form acne.

Salicylic acid comes in many strengths and many forms for use. You have to talk to your doctor about these issues. Normally salicylic acid preparations are available in strength up to 30%, beginning from as low as 0.5%. The preparations may be in the form of solutions for topical application, creams, pads, lotions, ointments, gels, plasters, formulated in shampoos. etc.

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