

## Dapsone

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For questions or an appointment, call (806)797-1202

Dapsone is a medication used to treat various inflammatory conditions of the skin.

**Adverse reactions:** Any medication can cause adverse events. Dapsone is a strong medication that can cause rupture of your red blood cells (hemolytic anemia), decreased oxygen carrying capacity, decrease in your white blood cells (that fight infection), liver damage, nerve damage, or severe allergic reactions.

If you notice any unusual symptoms including the following – call the doctor:

- \*Nausea, Vomiting, Abdominal pain
- \*Sign of infection such as fever, chills, sore throat,
- \*Skin rash
- \*Yellow eyes or skin
- \*Dark urine
- \*Weakness or numbness, or tingling of the hand or feet
- \*Fatigue, generalized weakness
- \*Shortness of breath, chest pain or abnormal heart beat
- \*Loss of appetite or weight loss

### Special issues:

- \*Do not take Dapsone if you are pregnant or nursing
- \*Dapsone can falsely lower your HbA1c (a measure of diabetic control)
- \*Do not take Dapsone if allergic to sulfa medications
- \*Dapsone makes you more sensitive to the sun
- \*Dapsone must be used with caution if on Trimethoprim or Rifampin

**Lab work:** Unless you are placed on Dapsone emergently – we run baseline lab work and then we will have to check your blood work periodically while on this medication.

**NOTE:** This is not a comprehensive information sheet. If you desire complete drug information, contact the pharmacist or refer to the “package insert”.