



Preferred Drug List

NEW DRUG REVIEW

Proprietary Name: Benziq™

Common Name: Benzoyl Peroxide

PDL Category: Topical – Acne Preparations

<u>Comparable Products</u>	<u>Preferred Drug List/ Recommended Drug List Status</u>
Triaz® Gel	Preferred
Benzac AC Gel	Non-Preferred
Benzoyl peroxide 10% Gel (OTC)	Preferred

Summary

Indications and Usage: Topical treatment of acne vulgaris

Mechanism of Action: Combination of an antibacterial agent and a mild keralytic effect with activity against *Propionibacterium acne*.

Dosage Forms: 2.75% Gel, 5.25% Gel, 5.25% Wash

Recommended Dosage: Apply to affected area(s) once or twice daily

Common Adverse Drug Reactions: Allergic contact dermatitis, dry skin.

Contraindications: Previous hypersensitivity to any component of the product

Manufacturer: Chester Valley Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Analysis: Benziq™ uses a hydrating complex including hyaluronic acid, panthenol, and glycerin resulting in a lower incidence of skin irritation as compared to other benzoyl peroxide products. Early clinical trials do not suggest the addition of this hydrating complex to be therapeutically superior to other available benzoyl peroxide products, but rather offers an alternative to those who cannot tolerate the adverse reactions of other available products. Several preferred topical medications, including various benzoyl peroxide-containing products, exist on the Preferred Drug List that effectively treat acne and are more cost effective than Benziq™.

IME Recommendation:

<input type="checkbox"/> Preferred Drug	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommended Drug
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Preferred Drug	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Recommended Drug
<input type="checkbox"/> Preferred Drug with Conditions	