

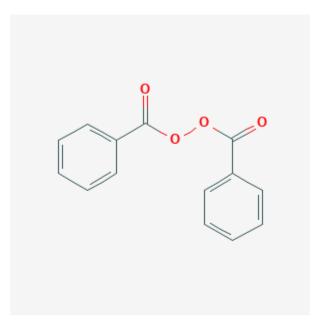
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# **Benzoyl Peroxide**

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# **Drug Levels and Effects**

# Summary of Use during Lactation

Topical benzoyl peroxide has not been studied during breastfeeding. Because only about 5% is absorbed following topical application, it is considered a low risk to the nursing infant.[1][2] Ensure that the infant's skin does not come into direct contact with the areas of skin that have been treated. Only water-miscible cream or gel products should be applied to the breast because ointments may expose the infant to high levels of mineral paraffins via licking.[3]

# **Drug Levels**

*Maternal Levels*. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

Infant Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

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# **Effects in Breastfed Infants**

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

### **Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk**

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

#### **Alternate Drugs to Consider**

(Acne) Azelaic Acid, Clindamycin, Erythromycin, Tretinoin

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# **Substance Identification**

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Benzoyl Peroxide

# **CAS Registry Number**

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# **Drug Class**

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Dermatologic Agents

Peroxides