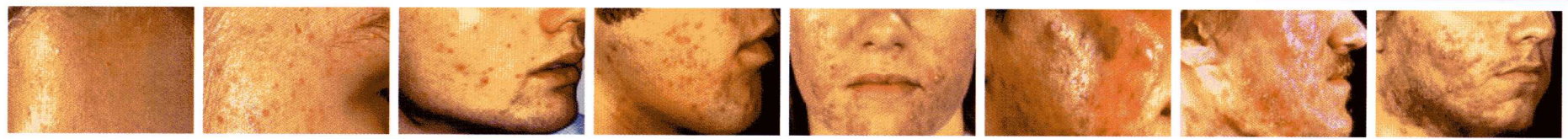


Treatment Algorithm



	MILD		MODERATE		SEVERE	
	Comedonal	Papular/ pustular	Papular/ pustular	Nodular ²	Nodular/ conglobate	
First choice ¹	Topical retinoid	Topical retinoid + topical antimicrobial	Oral antibiotic + topical retinoid +/- BPO	Oral antibiotic + Topical retinoid + BPO	Oral isotretinoin ³	
Alternatives ¹	Alt. topical retinoid or azelaic acid* or salicylic acid	Alt. topical antimicrobial agent + alt. topical retinoid or azelaic acid*	Alt. oral antibiotic + alt. topical retinoid +/- BPO	Oral isotretinoin or alt. oral antibiotic + alt. topical retinoid +/- BPO/ azelaic acid*	High dose oral antibiotic + topical retinoid + BPO	
Alternatives for females ^{1,4}	See first choice	See first choice	Oral antiandrogen ⁵ + topical retinoid/ azelaic acid* +/- BPO	Oral antiandrogen ⁵ + topical retinoid +/- oral antibiotic +/- alt. antimicrobial	High dose oral antiandrogen ⁵ + topical retinoid +/- alt. topical antimicrobial	
Maintenance therapy:	Topical retinoid			Topical Retinoid +/- BPO		

1 Consider physical removal of comedones
 2 With nodules (>0.5 - 1 cm)
 3 Second course in case of relapse
 4 For pregnancy, see text 5 See text

* There was not a consensus on this alternative recommendation, however in some countries azelaic acid prescribing is appropriate practice.