

Sunscreen information from Galderma (Supporters of the AFA)



Galderma exhibited at the AFA Conference in August 2017, just as “Cetaphil Sun” was launched in Australia, providing “Cetaphil Sun Kids” and “Cetaphil Ultra Light Lotion”, 50+ sunscreen to participants. They again provided sunscreens for the 2019 Conference in Adelaide.

Members posed questions to us, including about the popular Actinica, previously supplied by Galderma.

The following are answers from Galderma to the AFA.

1. Q. How often should you apply sunscreen?

- A. Galderma recommends that patients liberally apply sunscreens approximately 20 minutes before going into the sun and reapplying liberally every few hours and after swimming or toweling, these recommendations are in line with best practice and the Cancer Council.

2. Q. Why is Galderma no longer supplying Actinica in Australia?

- A. Galderma has made a commercial decision in October 2017 to discontinue Actinica Lotion in Australia and New Zealand. Cetaphil Sun products offer the same benefits as Actinica, e.g. broad spectrum, SPF50+, 4 hours water resistant, when used according to the label.

3. Q. Is Cetaphil Sun Kids (and Sun) intended to replace Actinica?

- A. No, the Cetaphil Sun products are not intended to replace Actinica Lotion, however they may be used as an alternative to the Actinica Lotion. If unsure, patients are to check with their healthcare professional who is best placed to advise.

4. Q. Are the ingredients and the sunprotection factors in Actinica and Sun Kids the same? Will do exactly the same job?

- A. Actinica Lotion & Cetaphil Sun SPF50+ Kids Liposomal Lotion differ in their formulation and use a number of different sunscreen filters and ingredients. However Cetaphil Sun SPF50+ Kids Liposomal Lotion will do the same job as Actinica as it is a broad spectrum SPF50+ sunscreen that is 4 hours water resistant.

5. Q. Does the Sun Ultra Light Lotion have the same protective factors as the Sun Kids? If not, what is the difference?

- A. Cetaphil Sun SPF50+ Kids Liposomal Lotion & Cetaphil Sun SPF50+ Ultra-light Lotion differ in their formulation and use a number of different sunscreen filters and ingredients. Both products will do the same job as they are both broad spectrum, SPF50+ and 4 hours water resistant. Cetaphil Sun SPF50+ Kids Liposomal Lotion has been tested on children 12 months + and therefore we can claim that this sunscreen can be used on kids. However, it can also be used on adults.

6. Q. Which sunscreen is suitable for women with Albinism to wear under make up.

- A. Cetaphil Sun SPF50+ Ultra-light Lotion is suitable to be used under make up.

7. Q. Where can we purchase Cetaphil Sun products?

- A. Most pharmacies, but some stores might have Cetaphil Sun dual located within the sunscreen section as well as the therapeutic skincare section with Cetaphil.

