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Home Phototherapy Patient Instructions

Patient Name ____

MRN_

Date

form type: 1 Series T 4

You have been prescribed a home narrowband UVB phototherapy unit. <u>Use this device as you would a</u> <u>prescription medication</u>. You must use it only under the direction of your doctor's office. Like any medication, this treatment can be very helpful, but it can also be harmful if not used properly.

- Phototherapy unit prescribed: <u>Daavlin 1 Series T 4 Narrowband UVB</u>
- The treatment plan prescribed by your doctor:



If treating directly on the acrylic surface (for hands or feet):

Treatment #1: <u>13 Seconds</u> Treatment #2: <u>14 Seconds</u> Continue to increase your time by <u>1 Second</u> every treatment until you can't increase it any more without getting pink, or feeling like your skin is warm, tender, or tingly for more than 24 to 48 hours.

If treating at a distance of 9 inches away (for face, knees, etc.):

Treatment #1: <u>54 Seconds</u> Treatment #2: <u>59 Seconds</u> Continue to increase your time by <u>5 Seconds</u> every treatment until you can't increase it any more without getting pink, or feeling like your skin is warm, tender, or tingly for more than 24 to 48 hours.

Special Instructions:

- Each treatment time is for one (1) exposure. Repeat the treatment time for each separate body area.
- Treatment frequency: <u>3 times per week</u> Other: _____
- Your treatment goal is to experience a light pinkness, warmth, or tingle that lasts less than 24 hours.

Before treating, use this chart to help describe your skin's current condition to determine how to adjust your treatment time

| Duration of Symptoms: (pinkness, warmth, tenderness or tingly sensation) | Treating on acrylic surface (hands / feet) Adjust Next Treatment | Treating 9 inches away (face) Adjust Next Treatment: |
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| No symptoms at all, or mild symptoms lasting less than 24 hours | Continue to increase as directed by <u>1</u> second | Continue to increase as directed by <u>5</u> seconds |
| Symptoms lasting longer than 24 hours, but less than 48 hours | Hold treatment time the same as the last treatment | Hold treatment time the same as the last treatment |
| If skin is very warm, red, painful or irritated, or if symptoms last longer than 48 hours | Do not treat until symptoms are gone, then reduce treatment time by <u>2</u> seconds | Do not treat until symptoms are gone, then reduce treatment time by <u>10</u> seconds |

Always use the following to protect special areas that are NOT being treated:

- UV blocking goggles (included)
- A towel, pillowcase, paper bag or mask to cover face
- Sunscreen (if directed by provider)
- For men, protection for the genital area

Other:

Other special instructions from your doctor:

• When using the 1 Series T 4, if you are treating your hands / feet, you may gently rest them directly on the acrylic surface during your treatment. However, do NOT <u>stand</u> on the device!! If you are treating your face or other areas, use a distance of 9 inches away from the lamps for best results.

Treatment area: <u>all affected areas</u>
Other: ____

| If you miss your treatment for: | Adjust your treatment by: |
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| 1 week | Stay the same (NO increase) |
| 2 weeks | Reduce your time by 50% |
| 3 weeks | Reduce your time by 75% |
| 4 weeks | Start over at your beginning time |

Frequently asked questions:

- How often should I follow up with my Care Provider? Follow up every 6 to 12 months while you are on active therapy. You should also follow up if your condition seems to worsen, or if you notice a new spot on your skin that doesn't look normal.
- I am taking a new medication, could this affect my treatment? Yes, some medications can make you more sensitive to light. Check with your doctor before you begin any new medications.
- How does FlexRx work? FlexRx is a feature that counts the number of exposures you have completed. You will notice the number of available exposures counting down with each use. When you reach 5-10 exposures remaining, contact your doctor's office for a refill "code."
- What should I do if my skin condition clears up? Once your skin has cleared, you will either be able to take a break from therapy or switch to a less frequent treatment schedule. Call for advice. If you need to resume treating again, it is important that you START OVER at your original time (see page 1) and NOT the longer times that you ended your therapy with.

Other Helpful Information:

- Refer to your manual or call Daavlin's tech support line for questions about operating your device. *Call directly to the support team at <u>419-633-3415</u> or call <u>1-800-322-8546</u> and follow the prompts.*
- Use the treatment log in this packet or similar journal. Keep track of your therapy and take it with you to your follow-up appointments.
- **Don't wait until you have run out of exposures to call for a refill**. *Call or email your doctor or nurse for a refill while you still have about 5 to 10 remaining to avoid any disruptions in your therapy.*
- If you have a question about your skin condition, call Kasier Dermatology at 916-771-7700

By accepting the delivery of your prescribed home phototherapy unit, you indicate that you understand, accept and agree to the following:

- I will follow up with my doctor while actively using my home phototherapy unit, will notify my doctor of any changes in my medications, and will have a full body skin examination at least once per year.
- I will only use my home phototherapy unit to treat my skin condition and I will not allow anyone else to use my home phototherapy unit.
- I will use eye protection EVERY TIME I use the unit and I will follow other special instructions (such as covering my face or genital areas) as directed.
- I will call my doctor right away if I develop a sunburn, redness, worsening of my psoriasis (or other condition), changes in skin lesions such as moles, or any other problem that might relate to my therapy.
- I will log my treatment times and results and provide them periodically to my doctor.

Patient Signature:

Date:

Home Phototherapy Treatment Log



Patient Name_

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Date_

| Date | Treatment Number | Time | Comments (Record any problems such as itching, severity or location of any burning, technical difficulties, reasons for gaps in treatment, etc.) | Pinkness (0-3)* | Severity (0-10)** |
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| 1-1-15 | 1 | 2:00 min | No burn, slight itching after treatment. | 0 | 4 |
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Treatment Log Instructions:

Please fill out this (or other similar journal) to keep track of your therapy. Bring it with you to your follow-up appointments with your doctor.

* Pinkness Rating:

0 = Not Pink 1 = Light Pink 2 = Medium Pink

3 = Dark Pink or Red

** Disease Severity Rating:

Patients, please rate your skin condition on a scale of 0 - 10 where 0 is completely clear and 10 is the worst it has ever been.