

# LOVE HAVING FUN IN THE SUN?



**Actinic keratosis (AK)  
skin lesions from  
sun damage may lead  
to skin cancer.<sup>1,2,†</sup>**

## INDICATION

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& **BF-RhodoLED<sup>®</sup>**



<sup>†</sup>AK lesions are premalignant and may lead to squamous cell carcinoma (SCC)—the second most common skin cancer.<sup>1-3</sup>

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# About actinic keratosis (AK)

## What is AK?

- AKs are premalignant lesions of the skin that, when left untreated, can potentially develop into squamous cell carcinoma (SCC)—the second most common form of skin cancer<sup>2,4</sup>
- AK is primarily caused by chronic sun damage and generally affects people aged 40 or older<sup>4</sup>

## What are the signs of AK?

- AK lesions typically form on areas of the body most exposed to the sun—such as the face and scalp<sup>2,3</sup>
- AK lesions can have a different clinical appearance<sup>2,3</sup>
  - They are frequently scaly, range from normal skin color to reddish brown, and can be identified by sight and/or touch<sup>2,3</sup>
- Because AKs originate in the skin layers below the visible surface, lesions can be present but still difficult to spot<sup>1,3,5</sup>
- For every visible lesion within a sun-damaged area, there are likely other AKs that are easier felt than seen<sup>1,3,5</sup>
  - Together, these lesions are considered a field<sup>1,3,5</sup>

**For every AK lesion you can see,  
there are likely more lesions that you can feel  
but may be difficult to see.<sup>1,6</sup>**

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION *(selected)*

### Warnings:

#### Do not use if you have a:

- Known hypersensitivity to photoactive substances known as porphyrins.
- Known hypersensitivity to soybeans.
- Known hypersensitivity to any component of AMELUZ® (aminolevulinic acid HCl) topical gel, 10%.

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- Photodermatoses (skin conditions caused by or made worse by exposure to light or ultraviolet radiation).

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# AKs can indicate a potential unseen threat<sup>1-3,†</sup>

## Could you be at risk?

†More than a third of the general population over the age of 51 has at least 1 AK lesion that may be found on their head and scalp.<sup>7</sup>

- You may be at risk for AKs if you have:
  - Years of unprotected sun exposure<sup>8</sup>
  - Fair skin/light skin tones (especially natural blondes or redheads)<sup>9</sup>



AK lesions  
on the face  
and scalp

TALK TO YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER  
IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE AK

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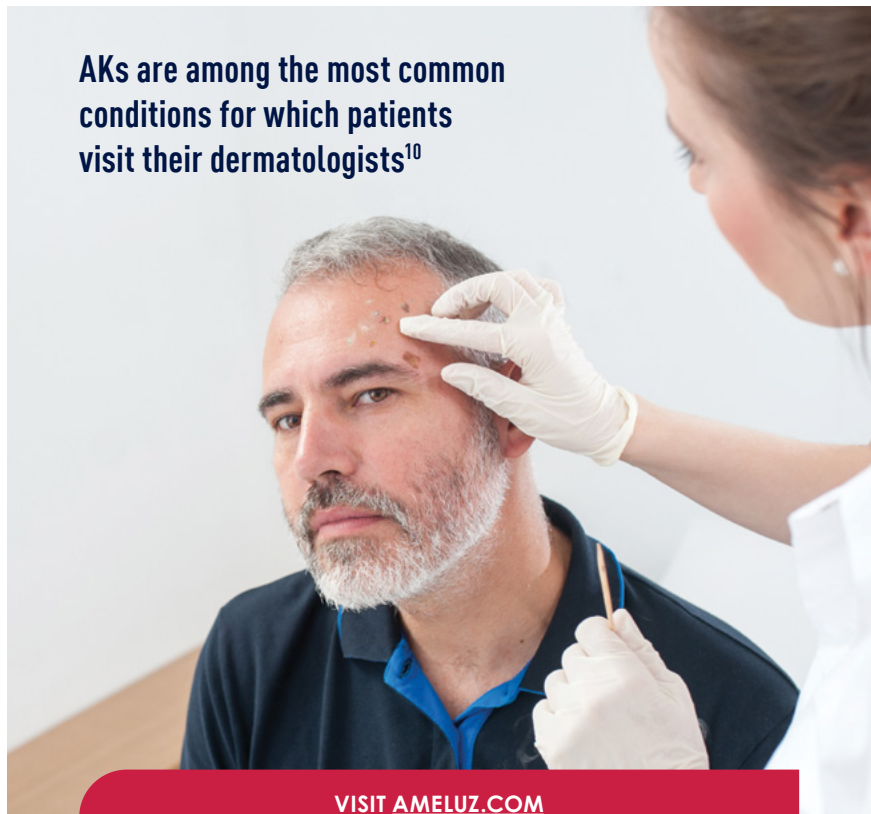
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## Why should AK be treated?

- AKs increase your chance of developing a skin cancer called SCC<sup>2,7</sup>
  - If left untreated, AKs of any severity can develop into a skin cancer called SCC. SCC is the second most common form of skin cancer<sup>2,9</sup>

## AKs are among the most common conditions for which patients visit their dermatologists<sup>10</sup>



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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AK

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- **Risk of Bleeding:** Special care should be taken to avoid bleeding during lesion preparation in patients with inherited or acquired coagulation disorders. Bleeding must be stopped before application of the gel.

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# Choose a therapy that treats the field<sup>11,†</sup>

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## AMELUZ<sup>®</sup> (aminolevulinic acid HCl) topical gel, 10% delivers results

In a clinical study of photodynamic therapy (PDT) with AMELUZ<sup>®</sup> and BF-RhodoLED<sup>®</sup> (N=55)



**91%** of patients were 100% cleared after 12 weeks<sup>†</sup>

Placebo (12 weeks after the last treatment) (N=32)



**22%** of patients achieved 100% clearance with placebo<sup>†</sup>

†Results from a phase 3 clinical trial with 87 patients presenting 4 to 8 mild-to-moderate AK lesions on the face/forehead and/or bald scalp treated with AMELUZ<sup>®</sup> or placebo and the BF-RhodoLED<sup>®</sup> lamp. Patients received a maximum of 2 PDTs and were examined 12 weeks and 12 months after the last treatment.<sup>11,12</sup>

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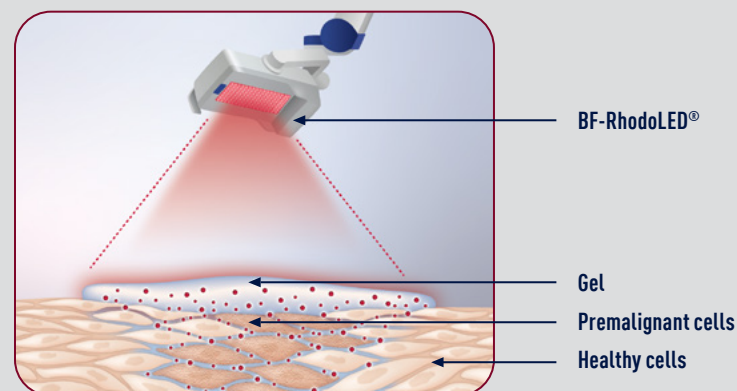
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- **Transient Amnestic Episodes:** Photodynamic therapy may cause transient amnestic episodes (temporary loss of memory). If observed, the therapy must be stopped immediately. If observed after treatment, contact your health care provider.

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## How AMELUZ<sup>®</sup> and BF-RhodoLED<sup>®</sup> work together

AMELUZ<sup>®</sup> penetrates the epidermis (top layer) of your skin to reach the premalignant cells that cause AK. Its active ingredient is then converted into the light-activated agent called PpIX. The red light of BF-RhodoLED<sup>®</sup> illuminates these cells and activates the agent, setting off a reaction that destroys premalignant cells that cause AK—while leaving healthy skin cells mostly intact.<sup>2,11,13</sup>



### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (selected)

#### When using this product:

- **Concomitant use** of the following medications may increase the intensity of adverse reactions after light exposure related to photodynamic therapy: St. John's wort, griseofulvin, thiazide diuretics, sulfonyleureas, phenothiazines, sulphonamides, quinolones, and tetracyclines.

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# The treatment process

Therapy with AMELUZ® (aminolevulinic acid HCl) topical gel, 10% and BF-RhodoLED® is a multi-step process



## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (selected)

### When using this product:

- **Photosensitivity:** Avoid sun exposure on the treated lesion sites and surrounding skin for approximately 48 hours following treatment.
- **Geriatric Warning:** No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between older (65 years and older) and younger patients, but greater sensitivity of some older individuals cannot be ruled out.

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Your healthcare provider will prepare the skin and apply AMELUZ® (application area should not exceed 20 cm<sup>2</sup>).



2

After waiting the recommended time (3 hours) to allow AMELUZ® gel to penetrate the targeted cells, your healthcare provider will illuminate the area with BF-RhodoLED® lamp for 10 minutes.

Your healthcare provider's staff will provide protective eyewear that must be worn during your BF-RhodoLED® lamp treatment.



## SAFETY

### Adverse reactions and the safety of PDT with AMELUZ®

Most common side effects at the application site were:

- skin reddening
- swelling
- scabbing
- pain/burning
- itching
- hardening
- irritation
- scaling of the skin
- blistering

Most side effects occurred during illumination or shortly afterwards, were generally of mild to moderate intensity, and lasted for 1 to 4 days in most cases; in some cases, they persisted for 1 to 2 weeks or even longer.

# The healing process: before and after patient images

**BEFORE  
TREATMENT<sup>†</sup>**



**3 DAYS AFTER  
TREATMENT<sup>†</sup>**



**14 DAYS AFTER  
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### Directions:

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## After treatment with AMELUZ<sup>®</sup> (aminolevulinic acid hydrochloride) topical gel, 10% and BF-RhodoLED<sup>®</sup> lamp

For 48 hours after treatment, you should avoid exposing treated areas of the skin to sunlight and artificial sources of UV radiation (e.g., tanning beds or sunlamps).

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**Pregnancy Warning:** There is no available data on AMELUZ<sup>®</sup> use in pregnant women to inform a drug associated risk.

**Lactation Warning:** There is no available data regarding the presence of the active ingredient (aminolevulinic acid hydrochloride) in human milk, or the effects of aminolevulinic acid hydrochloride on the breastfed infant or on milk production.

**Pediatric Warning:** Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients below the age of 18 has not been established.

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##### Inactive Ingredients:

xanthan gum, soybean phosphatidylcholine, polysorbate 80, medium-chain triglycerides, isopropyl alcohol, dibasic sodium phosphate, monobasic sodium phosphate, propylene glycol, sodium benzoate and purified water.

##### Other Information:

- Store in a refrigerator, 2°C – 8°C (36°F – 46°F). Excursions permitted to 15°C – 30°C (59°F – 86°F).
- The risk information provided here is not comprehensive. To learn more, talk about AMELUZ<sup>®</sup> with your health care provider. The FDA approved product labeling can be found at <https://www.ameluz.com/PI>.
- You are encouraged to report side effects of AMELUZ<sup>®</sup>. Please contact Biofrontera Inc. at 1-844-829-7434 or FDA at 1-800-332-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

\*AMELUZ<sup>®</sup> is also approved in combination with PDT using RhodoLED<sup>®</sup> XL lamp, which is currently not available for commercial utilization.



# LOVE HAVING FUN IN THE SUN?

Don't delay treating your AKs caused by sun damage.<sup>2,3</sup>



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