

	Medical Treatment- Topical	Medical Treatment- Systemic	Surgical Procedures	Adjunctive Surgical Modalities/Physical Modalities
Mild Acne: Primarily Comedonal	Topical retinoid ± BPO 2 nd line: azelaic acid or salicylic acid		± Comedo Extraction	<u>Laser:</u> -Potassium titanyl phosphate (KTP) laser -Pulsed dye laser -Infrared laser
Mild Acne: Primarily Papulo/Pustular	Topical retinoid + BPO 2 nd line: azelaic acid or salicylic acid		± Comedo Extraction	
Moderate Acne: Primarily papular and pustules	Topical antimicrobial and topical retinoid ± BPO 2 nd line: alternative topical retinoid + alternative topical antimicrobial	± Appropriate oral contraceptive pill /spironolactone for female patients	± Comedo Extraction	<u>Light Therapy:</u> - Broad-spectrum continuous-wave visible light sources (red, blue) -Intense pulsed light (IPL)
Severe Acne: Primarily papular and pustules	Topical retinoid ± BPO 2 nd line: alt. topical retinoid ± BPO/azelaic acid	Oral Antibiotic (tetracyclines such as minocycline, doxycycline) ± appropriate oral contraceptive pill /spironolactone for female patients 2 nd line: Alternative oral antibiotic	± Comedo Extraction	
Severe Acne: Primarily Nodules	Topical retinoid ± BPO 2 nd line: alt. topical retinoid ± BPO/azelaic acid	Oral Antibiotic ± appropriate oral contraceptive pill /spironolactone for female patients 2 nd line: Oral isotretinoin or alternative oral antibiotic	± Comedo Extraction ± Intralesional corticosteroids	
Conglobata/ Fulminans	Topical retinoid + BPO	Oral isotretinoin ± oral corticosteroid ± appropriate oral contraceptive pill /spironolactone for female patients 2 nd line: High dose dapson ± oral antibiotic	± Intralesional corticosteroids	
Maintenance	Topical retinoid ± BPO			