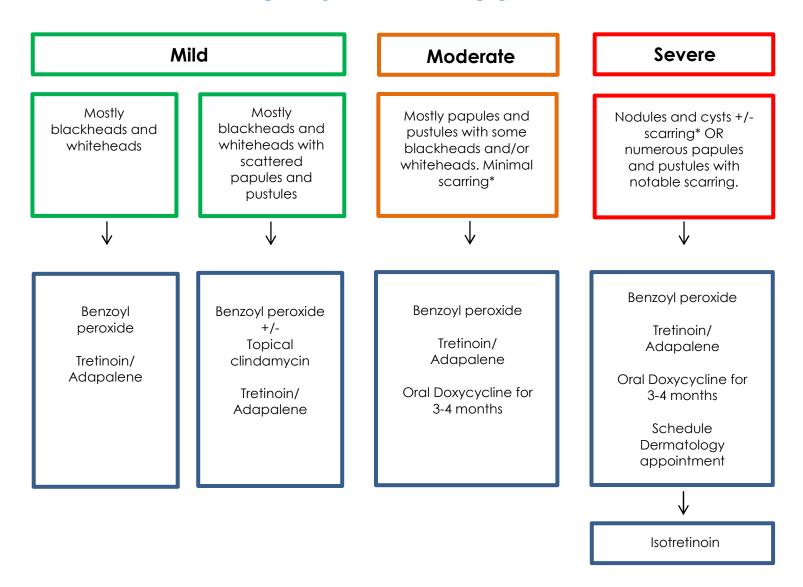


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Scarring is a texture change. Post-inflammatory hyper/hypopigmentation (PIH) is the color change (i.e. dark or light spots). PIH will resolve with time, but scarring is difficult to treat and is why isotretinoin should be started in a timely manner.

For most insurance plans to cover isotretinoin the following medications must have failed first: topical retinoids, topical antibiotics and/or benzoyl peroxide, and oral antibiotics.