

DIPROSALIC OINTMENT AND SCALP APPLICATION

ABBREVIATED PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

Uses: Diprosalic Ointment contains Betamethasone 0.05% as dipropionate and Salicylic Acid 3%. Diprosalic Scalp Application contains Betamethasone 0.05% as dipropionate and Salicylic Acid 2% and are indicated for the treatment of hyperkeratotic and dry corticosteroid-responsive dermatoses where the cornified epithelium may resist penetration of the steroid. The salicylic acid constituent of Diprosalic preparations, as a result of its descaling action, allows access of the dermis more rapidly than by applying steroid alone.

Dosage: A thin film should be applied once or twice daily, with review after 2 weeks. Maximum weekly dose should not exceed 60g.

Contraindications, Precautions and Warnings: *Contraindications:* rosacea, acne, perioral dermatitis, perianal and genital pruritis. Hypersensitivity to ingredients. Tuberculous and most viral lesions of the skin, particularly herpes simplex, vaccinia, varicella. Do not use in napkin eruptions, fungal or bacterial skin infections without a suitable concomitant anti-infective therapy. *Precautions and Warnings:* Occlusion must not be used. Local and systemic toxicity is common, especially following long continuous use on large areas of damaged skin, in flexures or with polythene occlusion, and should be avoided in all patients. Use in children or on the face should be limited to 5 days. Use in psoriasis may result in rebound relapse due to tolerance, risk of generalised pustular psoriasis or local systemic toxicity due to impaired barrier function of skin. Careful supervision is important.

Treatment of extensive body surfaces or skin folds may lead to increased systemic absorption. Suitable precautions should be taken, especially in infants and children.

Pregnancy and Lactation: There is inadequate evidence of safety in human pregnancy. Topical administration of corticosteroids to pregnant animals can cause abnormalities of foetal development. There may therefore be a very small risk of such effects in the human foetus.

Undesirable Effects: Diprosalic preparations are well tolerated and side-effects are rare. Prolonged use of corticosteroids and salicylic acid may result in local atrophy of the skin, striae, superficial vascular dilation and dermatitis. Other less common and rarely reported side effects are listed in the SPC.

Overdosage: Excessive prolonged use of topical corticosteroids and salicylic acid can suppress pituitary-adrenal functions resulting in secondary adrenal insufficiency which is

usually reversible, and symptoms of salicyclism. Accidental oral ingestion has little or no toxic effect due to low steroid content.

Pack size: Diprosalic Ointment: 30g or 100g; Diprosalic Scalp Application: 100ml. **NHS**

Price: Diprosalic Ointment £3.18 (30g); £9.14 (100g); Diprosalic Scalp Application: £10.10

(100ml); **Legal Category:** POM. **Marketing Authorisation Numbers:** Diprosalic

Ointment: 0201/0070; Diprosalic Scalp Application: 0201/0069.

Further information is available on request from Schering-Plough Ltd, Shire Park, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL7 1TW.

Please refer to the full SPC text before prescribing this product. Adverse events should be reported. Reporting forms and information can be found at www.yellowcard.gov.uk (UK). Adverse events should also be reported to Schering-Plough Drug Safety Department on +44 (0)1707 363773

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