

# **DIPROSONE CREAM AND OINTMENT**

## **(Betamethasone Dipropionate)**

### ABBREVIATED PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Uses:** Diprosone products contain Betamethasone 0.05% as Dipropionate, a synthetic fluorinated corticosteroid. Diprosone products are active topically and produce rapid and sustained response in eczema and dermatitis including atopic eczema, photodermatitis, lichen planus, lichen simplex, prurigo nodularis, discoid lupus erythematosus, necrobiosis lipoidica, pretibial myxoedema and erythroderma. It is also effective in psoriasis of the scalp and chronic plaque psoriasis of hands and feet but not widespread plaque psoriasis. **Dosage:** Adults and Children: A thin film should be applied to cover the affected area once or twice daily. **Contraindications:** Rosacea, acne, perioral dermatitis, perianal and genital pruritis. Hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients. Presence of tuberculous or most viral lesions of skin, also napkin eruptions, fungal or bacterial skin infections without suitable concomitant anti-infective therapy. **Precautions and Warnings:** Courses on the face or in children should be restricted to 5 days; long-term continuous therapy should be avoided in all patients and occlusion must not be used. 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. **Pregnancy:** There is inadequate evidence of safety in human pregnancy. Topical administration of corticosteroids may carry a very small risk of abnormalities in foetal development. **Side Effects:** Diprosone preparations are generally well tolerated and side effects are rare. Treatment of extensive areas or skin folds for long periods or with excessive amounts may increase systemic absorption. Long term use may cause local atrophy of skin, striae and superficial vascular dilation particularly on the face. **Overdosage:** Excessive use may result in suppression of pituitary-adrenal functions resulting in secondary adrenal insufficiency which is usually reversible. Accidental oral ingestion is unlikely to produce harmful effects due to the low steroid content. Other less common and rarely reported side effects are listed in the SPC. **Pack size:** Diprosone Cream 30g or 100g; Diprosone Ointment 30g or 100g; **Legal Category:** POM. **NHS Price:** Diprosone Cream: £2.16 (30g); £6.24 (100g); Diprosone Ointment: £2.16 (30g); £6.12 (100g); **Marketing Authorisation Numbers:** Diprosone Cream: 0201/0072; Diprosone Ointment: 0201/0074;

Further information is available upon 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](http://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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