

DIPROSONE LOTION

(Betamethasone Dipropionate)

ABBREVIATED PRODUCT INFORMATION

Uses: Diprosone Lotion is indicated for eczema and dermatitis of all types affecting the scalp, including atopic eczema, photodermatitis, primary irritant and allergic dermatitis, lichen planus, lichen simplex, discoid lupus erythematosus, erythroderma and also psoriasis of the scalp. **Dosage:** A few drops should be applied to the affected area twice daily and massaged gently in. **Contraindications:** Rosacea, acne, perioral dermatitis, perianal and genital pruritis. Hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients. Presence of tuberculous or viral lesions of skin, napkin eruptions, fungal or bacterial skin infections without suitable concomitant anti-infective therapy. **Precautions and Warnings:** Long-term continuous therapy should be avoided in all patients and occlusion must not be used. Courses on face or in children 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. **Pregnancy and lactation:** There is inadequate evidence of safety in human pregnancy. Topical administration of corticosteroids may carry a very small risk of abnormalities in foetal development.

Undesirable 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 result in local atrophy of skin, striae and superficial vascular dilation particularly on the face. **Overdose:** Excessive use can 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 Lotion 30ml or 100ml. **Legal Category:** POM. **NHS Price:** £2.73 (30ml); £7.80 (100ml). **Marketing Authorisation Number:** 0201/0073

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 (UK). Adverse events should also be reported to Schering-Plough Drug Safety Department on +44 (0)1707 363773

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