

BEPROSONE OINTMENT

Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.064% w/w

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This leaflet answers some common questions about Beprosone Ointment. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your pharmacist or doctor.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your pharmacist or doctor has weighed the risks of you taking Beprosone Ointment against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your pharmacist or doctor.

Keep this leaflet with the medicine. You may need to read it again.

What Beprosone Ointment is used for

Beprosone Ointment is used to treat the inflammation and itching caused by a number of skin conditions such as allergic reaction, eczema (redness, swelling, oozing of fluid, crusting which may lead to scaling) and psoriasis (raised, rough, reddened areas covered with dry, fine silvery scales).

How Beprosone Ointment works

Beprosone Ointment contains a medicine called betamethasone

dipropionate. It belongs to a group of medicines called steroids. It has anti-inflammatory actions, relieves itchiness and narrowing of blood vessel.

Before you use Beprosone Ointment

When you must not use it

Do not use Beprosone Ointment if:

- You are allergic (hypersensitive) to betamethasone dipropionate, other corticosteroids, or any components in the base of Beprosone Ointment.

Pregnancy and lactation

Do not take Beprosone Ointment if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant.

Do not take Beprosone Ointment if you are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

Before you start to use it

Tell your pharmacist or doctor:

- Your medical conditions, allergies, and all medicines you are using.
- If you have any other skin infection.
- If you have diabetes. Steroid medicines may increase the glucose (sugar) level in your blood or urine. Your doctor may also need to adjust the dose of your diabetes medications.
- If you are applying Beprosone Ointment under an airtight dressing, including a baby's nappy. These dressings make it easier for the active ingredient to pass through the skin. It is possible to accidentally end up using too much Beprosone Ointment.

If you are not sure if any of the above applies to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using this medicine.

Taking other medicines

Tell your pharmacist or doctor if you are taking any other products (such as over the counter drug, prescribed drug and herbal products).

How to use Beprosone Ointment

Always use Beprosone Ointment exactly as your doctor has told you.

How much to use

Apply a thin film of Beprosone Ointment to the affected area 1 or 2 times a day as directed by your doctor and pharmacist.

When to use it

You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

How long to use it

Use regularly to get the most benefit. Call your doctor or pharmacist if your skin condition does not improve after several days of treatment, or if it gets worse while using Beprosone Ointment.

If you forget to use it

If you forget to use your Ointment at the right time, use it as soon as you remember, then carry on as before.

If you use too much (overdose)

If you use too much of this medicine, consult your doctor or pharmacist. Bring any remaining medicine with you.

While you are using it

Things you must do

If you are about to start taking on any other new medicine, tell your pharmacist or doctor that you are using Beprosone Ointment.

Wash your hands before and after using Beprosone Ointment, unless you are using the medication to treat the skin on your hands.

Things you must not do

- Do not stop using this medicine unless instructed by your doctor.
- Do not give Beprosone Ointment to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.
- Do not use in or around the eyes.
- Do not use more than the recommended dose unless your doctor tells you to.
- Do not cover the treated skin area unless your doctor tells you to. Covering the skin may increase the amount of medicine absorbed into the skin, which may lead to unwanted side effects.
- Do not use on a child without a doctor's advice. Children can absorb larger amounts of this medication through the skin (due to the large skin surface area to body weight ratio) and may be more likely to have side effects. Beprosone Ointment may also affect growth in children.

Things to be careful of

Discontinue use if irritation or sensitivity reaction develops and seek advice from your doctor of pharmacist.

Avoid using Beprosone Ointment in open wounds. Avoid applying Beprosone Ointment to your face, underarms, or groin area without your doctor's instruction.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Beprosone Ointment can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Beprosone Ointment contains chlorocresol, which may cause allergic reactions.

Reported local adverse reactions are burning sensation, itching, irritation, dryness, folliculitis (inflammation of hair roots), excessive hair growth, acne, softening of the skin, change in skin color, secondary infection, stretch marks, and heat rashes.

If you get any side effects, even those not mentioned in this leaflet, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting)

Storage and Disposal of Beprosone Ointment

Storage

Store below 30°C. Keep in a cool dry place, protected from light. Keep out of reach of children.

Disposal

Dispose the medicine after the expiry date. Consult your pharmacist on how to safely dispose of any medicines no longer in use. Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product description

What it looks like

Beprosone Ointment is a smooth, white Ointment. It is available in tubes containing 5g, 15g, 100g and 450g. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Ingredients

- Active ingredient:
Betamethasone dipropionate
0.064% w/w (equivalent to 0.05% w/w betamethasone)

- Inactive ingredients:
White soft paraffin and liquid paraffin.

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