

SALOSONE OINTMENT

Betamethasone dipropionate/salicylic acid (0.05% w/w / 3% w/w)

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What *Salosone* is used for

It is used for relief of seborrheic dermatitis, fish scale disease, psoriasis and other inflammatory, steroid-responsive skin diseases, thick, dry, scaling skin conditions.

How *Salosone* works

Salosone contains betamethasone dipropionate and salicylic acid. Betamethasone dipropionate is a steroid applied topically in the management of various disorders where steroid is needed. It has anti-inflammatory and anti-itch effects. Salicylic acid has skin shedding, anti-bacteria and anti-fungus actions.

Before you use *Salosone*

- When you must not use it
If allergic to betamethasone dipropionate, salicylic acid or other ingredients of *Salosone*.
- Before you start to use it
 - Suitable precautions should be taken if applied over large areas, particularly on broken skin, with or without dressings.
 - Special precautions have to be observed when used on infants and children as it may cause growth retardation on prolonged use.
 - Use should be discontinued if excessive dryness, irritation or sensitization of the skin occurs.
 - Avoid contact with the eyes and mucous membranes. Avoid prolonged use on the face.
- Taking other medicines
Check with doctor or pharmacist if using any medication.

How to use *Salosone*

- How much to use
Medication applied over affected skin twice daily.

- When to use it
Always use *Salosone* exactly as your doctor has instructed you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure.

- How long to use it
You should check with your doctor or pharmacist.

- If you forget to use it
Apply as soon as you remember.

- If you use too much (overdose)
If use too much *Salosone*, contact your doctor, an emergency department or a poison center immediately. Excessive or prolonged use of locally applied steroids can suppress pituitary-adrenal function, resulting in adrenal insufficiency, and causes hypercorticism, (high levels of hormone cortisol) including Cushing's disease. Prolonged use of salicylic acid causes salicylism (salicylic acid poisoning).

While you are using *Salosone*

- Things you must do
Inform doctor of medications you are taking.
- Things you must not do
Never give this medicine to someone else, it could harm them, even if their symptoms seem the same.
- Things to be careful of
If you are pregnant or become pregnant or breast-feeding during treatment, you should not use *Salosone* unless your doctor tells you to. Your doctor will consider about the potential benefits and risks of your therapy to you and your child.

Side effects

When applied topically, particularly to large areas or when the skin is broken or under dressings, betamethasone dipropionate may be absorbed in sufficient amounts to cause burning, itching, irritation, acne-like conditions, loss of skin colour, rash of red bumps around the mouth, allergic skin inflammation, excessive hair disorder and inflammation of hair follicles.

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 npra.moh.gov.my (Public → Reporting Medicinal Problems / Side Effects / AEFI / Vaccine Safety).

Storage and disposal of *Salosone*

- Storage
Store in cool, dry place below 30°C. Protect from light. Keep out of reach of children.
- Disposal
Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required.

Product description

- What it looks like
White yellowish ointment.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredients: betamethasone dipropionate and salicylic acid.
- Inactive ingredients: liquid paraffin, cetomacrogol emulsifying wax, white soft paraffin and chlorocresol.

- MAL number:

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Manufacturer and Product

Registration holder

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