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PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION

 **DIPROSONE®**

betamethasone dipropionate cream
betamethasone dipropionate ointment
betamethasone dipropionate lotion USP

Read this carefully before you start taking **DIPROSONE®** and each time you get a refill. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about this drug. Talk to your healthcare professional about your medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about **DIPROSONE®**.

What is **DIPROSONE® used for?**

DIPROSONE® is used on the skin for the relief of redness, swelling, heat, pain and itching, caused by eczema, psoriasis and other skin problems.

How does **DIPROSONE® work?**

DIPROSONE® reduces inflammation and makes the blood vessels constrict to help relieve swelling, redness, heat, pain and itching.

What are the ingredients in **DIPROSONE®?**

Medicinal ingredient: betamethasone dipropionate

Non-medicinal ingredients:

Cream: cetostearyl alcohol, chlorocresol, liquid paraffin, macrogol cetostearyl ether, phosphoric acid, phosphate dihydrate, sodium dihydrogen, sodium hydroxide, water and white soft paraffin

Ointment: liquid paraffin, white soft paraffin

Lotion: carbomer 934P, isopropyl alcohol, sodium hydroxide to adjust pH and water

****DIPROSONE®** comes in the following dosage forms:**

Cream: 0.05% W/W

Lotion: 0.05% W/W

Ointment: 0.05% W/W

Do not use **DIPROSONE® if you:**

- are allergic to betamethasone dipropionate or any of the other ingredients of **DIPROSONE®**.
- are allergic to a similar medication (corticosteroid).
- have any viral infections of the skin like chicken pox, cold sores or genital herpes, bacterial or fungal infections of the skin or tuberculosis of the skin.

To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you take DIPROSONE®. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:

- already use a similar medication (corticosteroid).
- are pregnant or planning on becoming pregnant. It is not known if **DIPROSONE®** can harm your unborn baby. Your healthcare professional will decide whether giving you **DIPROSONE®** outweighs the potential risk to the unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or planning to breastfeed. It is not known whether **DIPROSONE®** can pass into your breastmilk. Your healthcare professional will decide whether you should stop breastfeeding or stop using **DIPROSONE®**.
- have any infections.
- have increased pressure in your eyes (glaucoma).

Other warnings you should know about:

Do not use **DIPROSONE®** in or near your eyes.

Do not use **DIPROSONE®** under an air and water tight (occlusive) dressing if you have a high body temperature.

DIPROSONE® lotion contains alcohol and may cause stinging when applied to broken or sun burned skin.

Driving and Using Machinery: Use caution when driving or operating a vehicle or potentially dangerous machinery while using **DIPROSONE®**.

Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.

How to take DIPROSONE®:

Usual dose: Apply a thin film of **DIPROSONE®** to completely cover the affected area twice a day. The cream/ointment/lotion should be massaged gently and thoroughly into the skin.

Overdose:

If you think you have taken too much DIPROSONE® , contact your healthcare professional, hospital emergency department or regional poison control centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.
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Missed dose:

If you missed a dose of this medication, skip the missed dose and continue with your next scheduled dose. Then go back to your regular dosing schedule. Do not take two doses at the same time.

What are possible side effects from using DIPROSONE®?

These are not all the possible side effects you may feel when taking **DIPROSONE®**. If you experience any side effects not listed here, contact your healthcare professional.

Side effects may include:

- Burning, stinging
- Itching
- Irritation
- Dryness
- Swelling of the hair follicles
- Excessive hair growth
- Acne, rosacea
- Change in skin pigmentation
- Skin rash around the mouth
- Red, itchy rash caused by allergy to or contact with a substance (allergic contact dermatitis)
- Blurred vision
- Softening and breaking down of skin due to moisture
- Infection after treatment (secondary infection)
- Thinning of the skin
- Stretch marks
- Heat rash

Using **DIPROSONE®** can affect how your adrenal glands work. This can cause symptoms such as a round appearance of the face (moon face) and stretch marks. If you develop either of these symptoms, contact your healthcare professional.

If you have a troublesome symptom or side effect that is not listed here or becomes bad enough to interfere with your daily activities, talk to your healthcare professional.

Reporting Side Effects

You can report any suspected side effects associated with the use of health products to Health Canada by:

- Visiting the Web page on Adverse Reaction Reporting (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/medeffect-canada.html>) for information on how to report online, by mail or by fax; or
- Calling toll-free at 1-866-234-2345.

NOTE: Contact your health professional if you need information about how to manage your side effects. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.

Storage:

Store between 15°C and 30°C.

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

If you want more information about DIPROSONE®:

- Talk to your healthcare professional
- Find the full product monograph that is prepared for healthcare professionals and includes this Patient Medication Information by visiting the Health Canada website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada.html>); the manufacturer's website www.organon.ca, or by calling 1-844-820-5468.

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