

BEPROSALIC OINTMENT

Betamethasone Dipropionate / Salicylic Acid (0.05%w/w / 3%w/w)

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This leaflet answers some common questions about BEPROSALIC 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 BEPROSALIC OINTMENT against the benefits they expect it will have for you.

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

What BEPROSALIC OINTMENT is used for

BEPROSALIC OINTMENT is indicated for relief from inflammatory manifestations of hyperkeratotic and dry corticosteroid responsive dermatoses. This includes:

- Psoriasis (skin condition that causes red, flaky, crusty patches of skin covered with silvery scales).

- Chronic Atopic Dermatitis (condition that makes the skin red and itchy).
- Neurodermatitis (skin condition that begins with an itch).
- Lichen planus (non-infectious, itchy rash that can affect many areas of the body).
- Eczema (term for a group of medical conditions that cause the skin to become inflamed or irritated).
- Dyshidrosis (is a skin condition in which blisters develop on the soles of feet and/or the palms of hands).
- Seborrheic dermatitis of the scalp (common, inflammatory skin condition that causes flaky, white to yellowish scales to form on oily areas such as the scalp. It can occur with or without reddened skin).
- Ichthyosis vulgaris (skin condition that causes dry, dead skin cells to accumulate in patches on the surface of the skin).
- Other ichthyotic (a congenital, often hereditary skin disease marked by dry, thickened, scaly skin) conditions.

How BEPROSALIC OINTMENT works

BEPROSALIC OINTMENT contains medicine called betamethasone dipropionate and salicylic acid. Betamethasone Dipropionate is a topically active fluorinated corticosteroid which has anti-inflammatory, anti-itching and blood vessel narrowing actions. Salicylic acid has ability to soften the top layer scales of the skin, antibacterial and antifungal actions.

Ask your pharmacist or doctor if you have any questions about this medicine.

Before you use BEPROSALIC OINTMENT

-When you must not use it

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to betamethasone dipropionate, other corticosteroids, Salicylic acid, or other salicylates, or any components in the product.

Topical corticosteroids are not recommended in most viral infections of the skin and also tuberculosis (bacterial infection that mainly affects the lungs) and acne.

-Before you start to use it

Tell your pharmacist or doctor:

- If you have infection on your skin and specify on the infected area.
- If you are using any other skin products

Pregnancy and breast feeding:

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using this medicine if you are pregnant or breast-feeding. It should be used only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus or nursing infant.

-Taking other medicines

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

How to use BEPROSALIC OINTMENT

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

-How much to use

Apply a thin film of the medicine to cover completely the affected area and rub gently.

-When to use it

Apply the medicine twice daily, in the morning and at night. If your skin problem improves, you should talk to your doctor. It may be possible for you to apply the medicine less frequently.

-How long to use it

Do not use the medicine for long period of time unless told by your doctor.

-If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it.

Use the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

-If you use too much (overdose)

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

While you are using BEPROSALIC OINTMENT

-Things you must do

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

Contact your doctor if you experience blurred vision or other visual disturbances.

-Things you must not do

Do not take more than the recommended dose unless your doctor tells you to.

Do not use in or around the eyes.

-Things to be careful of

Discontinue use if irritation, sensitivity, excessive dryness or reaction.

Corticosteroids applied to the skin can be adsorbed in sufficient amounts to produce systemic effects such as adrenal suppression, manifestation of Cushing's syndrome, high blood sugar level and presence of sugar in the urine.

Salicylic acid in preparation applied to the skin can also be absorbed in sufficient amounts to produce salicylism such as nausea, vomiting and hear ringing in the ears.

Thus suitable precautions should be taken during prolonged treatment, when treating extensive body surface areas, when using the occlusive technique and when treating children (because of a larger skin surface area to bodyweight ratio).

Suitable precautions must be taken when treating stasis skin inflammation and other skin diseases with impaired circulation.

Side effects

Like all medicines, BEPROSALIC OINTMENT can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Reported adverse reactions are burning, itching, irritation, dryness, hair follicle inflammation, abnormal hair growth, acne eruptions, lightening of the skin, softening of the skin color, secondary infection, skin thinning, stretch mark, heat rashes and blurred vision. Salicylic

acid preparations may cause skin inflammation.

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 visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

Storage and Disposal of BEPROSALIC OINTMENT

-Storage

Store below 30°C. Keep container well closed. Protect 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 required.

Product description

-What it looks like

BEPROSALIC OINTMENT is a white ointment, available in 15g aluminium tubes.

-Ingredients

-Active ingredients:
Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.064 % w/w (equivalent to 0.05% w/w betamethasone) and Salicylic acid 3%w/w

-Inactive ingredients:
White Soft Paraffin and Liquid Paraffin.

-MAL number: MAL19871164AZ

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