

DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION

Clobetasol propionate 0.05% w/w



CONSUMER MEDICINE INFORMATION

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION. It does not contain all the information available on this medicine. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of using DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION against the benefits expected it will have for you.

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

Keep this leaflet. You may want to read it again.

What DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION is used for and how it works

Your DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION contains the active ingredient clobetasol propionate. It belongs to a group of medicines known as topical steroids. "Topical" means that they are applied onto the skin. Topical steroids are used to help reduce the inflammation that causes the redness and itchiness in a variety of conditions (they are not "anabolic" steroids which are sometimes misused by athletes).

DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION is used to treat conditions of the scalp, such as psoriasis and eczema.

Your doctor may however, have prescribed DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION for another reason. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why DERMOL

SCALP APPLICATION has been prescribed for you.

DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION is available on prescription from your doctor.

Before you use DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION

When you must not use it

Do not use DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION:

- **If you are allergic to clobetasol propionate or any of the other ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.**
Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include unusual reddening of the scalp, itching on the skin or hives, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath or wheezing, swelling of the face, lips tongue or other parts of the body.
- **If the expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack has passed**
- **If the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering**
- **If you have an infection of the scalp**

Do not use DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION to treat any other skin conditions you may have.

Your doctor has prescribed DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION for the condition you showed them. If you use it on any other skin conditions, it may make them worse.

DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION is not suitable to treat scalp conditions in children less than one year old.

Before you use it

Tell your doctor if you:

- have had an allergic reaction to any other medicine used to treat your current condition or to any other cream, ointment or scalp application.
- are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or are breastfeeding.
- require treatment for a skin condition on your face.
- have any other skin problems or conditions

Taking other medicines

If you are taking any other medicines, including any you get without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Your doctor or pharmacist has more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION.

How to use DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION properly

How much to apply

Your doctor will tell you how much DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION you need to apply each day. It is important that you apply the DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION only as directed by your doctor.

Do not use more than the recommended amount. Applying more than this may allow the active ingredient in this medication to pass through the scalp and into the blood stream. This could affect other parts of the body and may result in unwanted side effects.

For adults, DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION is usually applied to the scalp two times a day (once in

the morning and once at night). Your doctor may tell you to apply the application differently to this. If so, follow their instructions.

When applying the application to your scalp, be careful that you do not let any run into your eyes.

How long to apply it

Your doctor will advise you how long to use the DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION.

Do not take DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION for any longer than your doctor has prescribed.

Taking this type of medicine for a long time may affect the normal production of steroids in your body and be harmful to your health.

Duration of treatment will depend on your condition and can vary between a few days to a longer periods of time. If your scalp condition does not clear within a few weeks, tell your doctor.

Stop using DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION once the skin condition has cleared.

If you forget to apply it

If you forget to apply it, just apply it as soon as you remember, then apply it again as you would normally. **Do not** apply twice as much to make up for a missed dose.

Applying the treatment at the same time each day may help you to remember to use it regularly. If you have trouble remembering to apply the treatment, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

While you are using DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION

Things you must do:

Tell all doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you, that you are using DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION.

Before you start any new medications, tell your doctor or

pharmacist that you are using DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION.

Tell your doctor if you develop a skin rash, hives, or any other skin conditions while you are using DERMOL SCALP application.

Tell your doctor if you become pregnant while using DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION.

If you are going to have surgery, tell the surgeon or anaesthetist that you are using DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION.

If you are going to have any blood tests, tell your doctor that you are using DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION.

Visit your doctor regularly so they can check on your progress, especially if your doctor has prescribed DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION for psoriasis.

Things you must not do:

Do not use DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION to treat any other complaints or skin conditions unless your doctor tells you to.

Do not allow the scalp application to run into your eyes. If the application does accidentally enter your eyes, rinse your eye(s) thoroughly with water.

Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.

Side effects

Most people find that if they use this application correctly they will not experience any side effects. All medicines can however, have some unwanted effects in some people. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the side effects.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following effects:

- increased hair growth
- thinning of the skin
- changes in the colour of your skin

- increased severity in other untreated skin infections.

Applying DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION over long periods of time, or using more than the recommended dose, may increase the chance of developing side effects.

If your scalp condition gets worse during treatment, stop applying DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION and tell your pharmacist or doctor as soon as possible.

The list of side effects is not complete. If you experience any of these side effects, or any other undesired effect please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.

In case of overdose

You should only apply the amount of DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION that you have been prescribed.

Immediately contact your doctor or the National Poisons Information Centre (0800 POISON or 0800 764 766) or go to the Emergency department at your nearest hospital, if you think that you may have taken too much, or if anyone else has taken any DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION by mistake. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention. Take the container of DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION with you if you can.

Keep telephone numbers for these places handy.

Storage conditions

Keep your DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION in the container until it is time to use it.

Store below 25°C and out of reach of children. Avoid exposure to heat, light and moisture.

Do not store DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION, or any other medicine, in the bathroom or near a sink.

Disposal

If your doctor tells you to stop using DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION or if it has passed the expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with the remaining medicine.

Product description

What DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION looks like

DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION is an almost clear, colourless liquid.

Ingredients

DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION contains 0.05% w/w of the active ingredient clobetasol 17-propionate.

DERMOL SCALP APPLICATION also contains isopropyl alcohol, sodium hydroxide, carbomer 934P and purified water.

If you want to know more

Should you have any questions regarding this product, please contact your doctor or pharmacist.

Who supplies this medicine

Distributed in New Zealand by:

Mylan New Zealand Ltd,
P O Box 11183,
Ellerslie,
Auckland.

Telephone: (09) 579 2792

Date of information

19 April 2010
(Based on datasheet dated 19 April 2010)