

PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER
Dermovate® Scalp Application
(clobetasol propionate)

Your medicine is known as the above but will be referred to as Dermovate throughout the remainder of this leaflet.

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

What is in this leaflet:

1. What Dermovate is and what it is used for
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1. What Dermovate is and what it is used for

Dermovate Scalp Application contains a medicine called clobetasol propionate. It belongs to a group of medicines called steroids. It helps to reduce swelling and irritation. Dermovate is used to help reduce the redness and itchiness of certain scalp problems. These include frequently relapsing dermatoses and psoriasis that have not responded to milder steroid creams, ointments, lotions or scalp applications.

2. What you need to know before you use Dermovate

Do not use Dermovate:

- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to clobetasol propionate or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in Section 6)
- if you have a skin infection on your scalp
- on a child under 1 year of age.

Do not use if any of the above apply to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Dermovate.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using your medicine if:

- you experience newly developed bone pain or worsening of previous bone symptoms during a treatment with Dermovate especially if you have been using Dermovate for a prolonged time or repeatedly.
- you use other oral/topical medication containing corticosteroids or medication intended to control your immune system (e.g. for autoimmune disease or after a transplantation). Combining Dermovate with these medicines may result in serious infections.
- you have previously had an allergic reaction with another steroid.
- you are applying the liquid under an airtight dressing. These dressings make it easier for the active ingredient to pass through the skin. It is possible to accidentally end up using too much. Do not bandage or otherwise cover the treated scalp area, unless directed to do so by your doctor.
- If directed to cover the treated area with a dressing, make sure that the skin is cleansed before a fresh dressing is applied to prevent infections.
- you have psoriasis, your doctor will want to see you more often.
- you are applying the liquid to broken, damaged or thin skin.
- you are applying to a large surface area.

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

If an infection develops during the use of this medicine talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

Be very careful not to get the liquid in your eyes.

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

Children

- Do not use this medicine on a child under the age of 1 year.

- Avoid continuous treatment for a long period of time in children over the age of 1 year, as their skin is thinner than adults and as a result may absorb larger amounts.
- Use on children should be limited to a few days and reviewed weekly.
- Dressings or bandages should not be used on children where the scalp application is applied.

Other medicines and Dermovate

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicine, especially if you are taking ritonavir and itraconazole medications.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility

If you are pregnant or are breast-feeding, think you may become pregnant or are planning to have a baby ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

3. How to use Dermovate

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

Using this medicine

- You usually put Dermovate on your scalp in the morning and at night. This may be reduced as your scalp problem begins to get better, or stopped when it is better.
- For use on your skin of your scalp only.
- Do not use it more often than prescribed or use it for a long time (such as every day for many weeks or months). If you need treatment for a long time, your doctor may decide you need to use a milder treatment.
- The germs that cause infections like warm and moist conditions under dressings. If directed to cover the treated area with a dressing, always clean the skin before a fresh dressing is put on to help prevent infection of the skin beneath the dressing.
- Be very careful not to get the liquid in your eyes. Do not touch your eyes until you have washed your hands.
- If you wash or shampoo your hair it should be dried before applying the liquid.
- If you are applying the scalp application on someone else make sure you wash your hands after use or wear disposable plastic gloves.
- **This product is flammable. Keep the liquid away from open fire and flames and all sources of ignition, including smoking, during application and immediately after you've used it.**
- **Do not dry your hair with a hairdryer.**

Guidance on how to apply the liquid

- 1 Wash your hands.
- 2 Unscrew the bottle cap and place the nozzle directly on the scalp that needs treating.
- 3 Gently squeeze the bottle to cover the area with a thin and even layer of liquid.
- 4 You can rub this liquid in, but you don't have to. Your scalp will feel cool until the liquid has dried.
- 5 Wash your hands again.
- 6 Do not exceed the prescribed amount.

Use in children

- Do not use this medicine on children under 1 year of age.
- It is especially important in children not to exceed the prescribed amount.
- A course of treatment for a child should not normally last more than a few days, unless your doctor has told you to use it for longer. The doctor may want to see the child every week whilst using Dermovate scalp application.

If you use more Dermovate than you should

If you apply too much or if accidentally swallowed, it could make you ill. Talk to your doctor or go to hospital as soon as possible.

If you forget to use Dermovate

If you forget to apply your scalp application, apply it as soon as you remember. If it is close to the time you are next meant to apply it, wait until this time. Do not apply extra Dermovate to make up for a missed dose.

If you stop using Dermovate

If you use Dermovate regularly make sure you talk to your doctor before you stop using it as your condition may get worse if stopped suddenly. If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.