

Patient Information
DIPROLENE® (DIH-pro-leen)
(augmented betamethasone dipropionate) Lotion

Important information: DIPROLENE Lotion is for use on skin only. Do not use DIPROLENE Lotion in your eyes, mouth, or vagina.

What is DIPROLENE Lotion?

DIPROLENE Lotion is prescription corticosteroid medicine used on the skin (topical) for the relief of redness, swelling, heat, pain (inflammation) and itching, caused by certain skin problems in people 13 years of age and older.

- DIPROLENE Lotion should not be used in children under 13 years of age.

Do not use DIPROLENE Lotion if you are allergic to betamethasone dipropionate or any of the ingredients in DIPROLENE Lotion. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in DIPROLENE Lotion.

Before using DIPROLENE Lotion, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have had irritation or other skin reaction to a steroid medicine in the past.
- have thinning of the skin (atrophy) at the treatment site.
- have diabetes.
- have adrenal gland problems.
- have liver problems.
- have cataracts or glaucoma.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if DIPROLENE Lotion will harm your unborn baby. If you use DIPROLENE Lotion during pregnancy, use DIPROLENE Lotion on the smallest area of the skin and for the shortest time needed.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if DIPROLENE Lotion passes into your breast milk. Breastfeeding women should use DIPROLENE Lotion on the smallest area of skin and for the shortest time needed while breastfeeding. Do not apply DIPROLENE Lotion directly to the nipple and areola to avoid contact with your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take other corticosteroid medicines by mouth, or injection or use other products on your skin or scalp that contain corticosteroids.

Do not use other products containing a steroid medicine with DIPROLENE Lotion without talking to your healthcare provider first.

How should I use DIPROLENE Lotion?

- Use DIPROLENE Lotion exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to use it.
- Apply a few drops of DIPROLENE Lotion to the affected skin area 1 or 2 times each day and massage lightly until the lotion disappears. Do not use more than 50 mL of DIPROLENE Lotion in 1 week.
- Do not use DIPROLENE Ointment for longer than 2 weeks in a row unless your healthcare provider tells you to
- Tell your healthcare provider if the treated skin area does not get better after 2 weeks of treatment with DIPROLENE Lotion.
- Do not bandage, cover, or wrap the treated skin area unless your healthcare provider tells you to.
- DIPROLENE Lotion should not be used to treat diaper rash or redness.
- Avoid using DIPROLENE Lotion on the face, groin, or underarms (armpits) or if thinning of the skin (atrophy) is present at the treatment site.
- Wash your hands after applying DIPROLENE Lotion unless you are using the medicine to treat your hands.

What are the possible side effects of DIPROLENE Lotion?

DIPROLENE Lotion may cause serious side effects, including:

- **DIPROLENE Lotion can pass through your skin.** Too much DIPROLENE Lotion passing through your skin can cause your adrenal glands to stop working properly. Your healthcare provider may do blood tests to check for adrenal gland problems.
- **Cushing's syndrome**, a condition that happens when your body is exposed to too much of the hormone cortisol.
- **High blood sugar** (hyperglycemia).
- **Effects on growth and weight in children.**
- **Vision problems.** Topical corticosteroids including DIPROLENE Lotion may increase your chance of developing cataract(s) and glaucoma. Tell your healthcare provider if you develop blurred vision or other vision problems during treatment with DIPROLENE Lotion.
- **Skin problems. Skin problems including**, allergic reactions (contact dermatitis) may happen during treatment with

DIPROLENE Lotion. Stop using DIPROLENE Lotion and tell your healthcare provider if you develop any skin reactions or have problems with healing during treatment with DIPROLENE Lotion.

The most common side effects of DIPROLENE Lotion include: redness of the skin, inflamed hair follicles, itching and blistering.

These are not all of the possible side effects of DIPROLENE Lotion.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store DIPROLENE Lotion?

- Store DIPROLENE Lotion at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).
- **Keep DIPROLENE Lotion and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

General information about the safe and effective use of DIPROLENE Lotion.


Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use DIPROLENE Lotion for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give DIPROLENE Lotion to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about DIPROLENE Lotion that is written for health professionals.

What are the ingredients in DIPROLENE Lotion?

Active ingredient: augmented betamethasone dipropionate

Inactive ingredients: hydroxypropyl cellulose; isopropyl alcohol (30%); phosphoric acid used to adjust the pH; propylene glycol; purified water; and sodium phosphate monobasic monohydrate.

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