

DIPROSONE OV[®]

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I using DIPROSONE OV?

DIPROSONE OV contains the active ingredient betamethasone dipropionate. DIPROSONE OV is used to treat persistent or severe dermatitis, eczema, or acute or chronic psoriasis.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using DIPROSONE OV?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I use DIPROSONE OV?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to betamethasone dipropionate or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I use DIPROSONE OV?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with DIPROSONE OV and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How do I use DIPROSONE OV?

Apply a thin layer of DIPROSONE OV Cream or Ointment to completely cover the affected area once or twice daily. More instructions can be found in Section [4. How do I use DIPROSONE OV?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while using DIPROSONE OV?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using DIPROSONE OV.Go to your doctor regularly for a check-up if you are on long-term DIPROSONE OV therapy.Tell your doctor if you become pregnant while using DIPROSONE OV.
Things you should not do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do not use DIPROSONE OV on the face unless your doctor tells you.Do not use DIPROSONE OV in or near the eyes, under an air-tight dressing such as a plastic wrap or a tight nappy.Do not use more than 45g of DIPROSONE OV Cream or Ointment per week (one and a half tubes).
Looking after your medicine	Keep DIPROSONE OV in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while using DIPROSONE OV?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

The most common side effects are local, skin-related side effects including a temporary burning or stinging sensation, dry skin, itchiness, irritation and inflamed follicles. Other local side effects such as increased hair growth, acne, changes in skin colour or texture, dermatitis, and skin infection have been reported with the use of topical corticosteroids.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

DIPROSONE OV[®]

Active ingredient(s): *Betamethasone dipropionate*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using DIPROSONE OV. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using DIPROSONE OV.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using DIPROSONE OV?](#)
- [2. What should I know before I use DIPROSONE OV?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
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1. Why am I using DIPROSONE OV?

DIPROSONE OV contains the active ingredient betamethasone dipropionate. Betamethasone dipropionate is a very strong corticosteroid used to decrease inflammation, redness, itchiness and discomfort of some skin conditions.

DIPROSONE OV Cream and Ointment are used to treat persistent or severe:

- dermatitis
- eczema (an often itchy skin condition with redness, swelling, oozing of fluid, crusting which may lead to scaling)
- acute or chronic psoriasis (a stubborn skin disorder with raised, rough, reddened areas covered with dry, fine silvery scales)

2. What should I know before I use DIPROSONE OV?

Warnings

Do not use DIPROSONE OV if:

- you have had an allergic reaction to other medicines containing betamethasone dipropionate, any other corticosteroid(s), or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
- Some symptoms of an allergic reaction include wheezing, skin rash and hives.
- Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.

Do not use DIPROSONE OV if you have:

- a viral infection (such as cold sores, shingles or chicken pox)

- a fungal infection (such as thrush, ringworm or tinea)
- tuberculosis of the skin
- acne rosacea
- inflammation around the mouth
- skin conditions with ulcers.

Unless your doctor tells you, do not use DIPROSONE OV:

- in children under 12 years of age. Long-term use may affect their growth and development.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have allergies to:

- any other medicines
- any other substances, such as foods, dyes or preservatives.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions, especially if you have an infection.
- take any medicines for any other condition

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

Your doctor will tell you if you can use DIPROSONE OV during pregnancy or while you are breast-feeding.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using other creams or ointments or taking any other medicines. This includes medicines that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect DIPROSONE OV.

4. How do I use DIPROSONE OV?

How much to use

- Apply a thin layer of DIPROSONE OV Cream or Ointment to completely cover the affected area once or twice daily.

How to use DIPROSONE OV

- It is important to use DIPROSONE OV exactly as your doctor has told you. If you use it less often than you should, it may not work as well and your skin condition may not improve.
- Using it more often than you should may not improve your skin condition faster and may cause or increase side effects.
- Do not use DIPROSONE OV just before having a bath, shower or a swim. If you do, you may reduce the effectiveness of DIPROSONE OV.

How long to use DIPROSONE OV

Your doctor will advise you how long to use DIPROSONE OV. Duration of treatment might take from a few days to a longer period of time.

Do not use DIPROSONE OV for more than 4 weeks without seeing your doctor.

Do not use DIPROSONE OV once the skin condition has cleared.

If you forget to use DIPROSONE OV

If you forget to use DIPROSONE OV, use it as soon as you remember and then use again at the normal time.

Do not apply twice the amount to make up for the application that you missed.

If you swallow DIPROSONE OV

You should immediately:

- phone the Poisons Information Centre (**by calling 13 11 26**), or
- contact your doctor, or
- go to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital.

You should do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

5. What should I know while using DIPROSONE OV?

Things you should do

If you are about to start taking any new medicine, tell your doctor, dentist and pharmacist who are treating you that you are using DIPROSONE OV.

Tell your doctor if you feel that DIPROSONE OV is not helping your skin problem or if your skin problem worsens or seems infected.

Go to your doctor regularly for a check-up if you are on long-term DIPROSONE OV therapy.

Tell your doctor if you become pregnant while using DIPROSONE OV.

Remind any doctor, dentist or pharmacist you visit that you are using DIPROSONE OV.

Things you should not do

- Do not use DIPROSONE OV in or near the eyes.

- Do not use DIPROSONE OV on the face unless your doctor tells you. Use only a small amount and stop when the condition has cleared.
- Do not use DIPROSONE OV under an air-tight dressing such as a plastic wrap or a tight nappy
- Do not use more than 45g of DIPROSONE OV Cream or Ointment per week (one and a half tubes).
- Do not give DIPROSONE OV to anyone else, even if they have similar symptoms as you.
- Do not use DIPROSONE OV to treat any other complaint(s) unless your doctor tells you to.

Things to be careful of

- Do not use large amounts for a long time.
- DIPROSONE OV is absorbed through the skin and side effects may increase with extended use.
- Do not continue to use DIPROSONE OV if skin begins to thin or stretch marks appear.
- Do not use DIPROSONE OV between skin folds or between fingers or toes for a long period without seeing your doctor.
- DIPROSONE OV does not take the place of antibiotics if there is an infection.

Looking after your medicine

- Keep DIPROSONE OV in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

Follow the instructions in the carton on how to take care of your medicine properly.

Store it in a cool dry place away from moisture, heat or sunlight; for example, do not store it:

- in the bathroom or near a sink, or
- in the car or on window sills.

Do not use DIPROSONE OV if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

Keep it where young children cannot reach it.

Getting rid of any unwanted medicine

If you no longer need to use this medicine or it is out of date, take it to any pharmacy for safe disposal.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<p>Skin-related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• burning• stinging sensation• itchiness• irritation• dry skin, softening of the skin• acne• lightening in skin colour• contact dermatitis• dermatitis around the mouth• inflamed follicles• increased hair growth• skin infection• stretch marks• tingling, prickly skin• tightening or cracking of skin• scaling of skin• thinning of the skin• sensation of warmth• rash• redness• hives <p>Eye-related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• visual disturbances or blurred vision	<p>Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.</p>

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Long-term use over large areas may suppress cortisol production in the body or cause side effects similar to those from oral corticosteroids, especially in infants and children.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What DIPROSONE OV Ointment contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	betamethasone as dipropionate 0.5 mg/g
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	propylene glycol white beeswax propylene glycol monostearate white soft paraffin
Potential allergens	Does not contain preservatives, parabens or lanolin

What DIPROSONE OV Cream contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	betamethasone as dipropionate 0.5 mg/g
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	carbomer 980 propylene glycol sodium hydroxide titanium dioxide purified water
Potential allergens	Does not contain preservatives, parabens or lanolin

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What DIPROSONE OV looks like

DIPROSONE OV Ointment is a smooth white ointment. It is packed in 30g tubes. (Aust R 18823).

DIPROSONE OV Cream is a smooth white cream. It is packed in 30g tubes. (Aust R 18825).*

*Product not supplied

Who distributes DIPROSONE OV

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