

## PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

### Lotriderm® Cream

(betamethasone dipropionate / clotrimazole)

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine.**

- 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. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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### 1. WHAT LOTRIDERM CREAM IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

Lotriderm Cream contains the active ingredients 0.064% w/w betamethasone dipropionate and 1.0% w/w clotrimazole. Betamethasone belongs to a group of medicines called topical corticosteroids which are used on the surface of the skin to reduce the redness and itchiness caused by certain skin problems. Clotrimazole is a topical anti-fungal medicine used to treat some fungal infections of the skin.

Lotriderm Cream is used for the short-term treatment of certain fungal infections of the skin, when redness and itchiness may also be a problem.

### 2. BEFORE YOU USE LOTRIDERM CREAM

#### Do not use Lotriderm Cream

- if you have ever had an allergic reaction to betamethasone dipropionate, clotrimazole, any other similar medicines or to any of the other ingredients in the cream.
- if your skin becomes irritated, or you develop an allergic reaction.
- on any other skin infections as it could make them worse, especially rosacea (a skin condition affecting the face), acne, dermatitis (skin inflammation) around the mouth, nappy rash or other skin infections.

#### Take Special Care with Lotriderm Cream

- If you have psoriasis
- If you or your child are under 12 years of age.

#### Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breast-feeding, before you start using Lotriderm Cream.

#### Important information about some of the ingredients of Lotriderm Cream

Lotriderm Cream contains propylene glycol which may cause skin irritation. Lotriderm Cream also contains cetostearyl alcohol which may cause local skin reaction (e.g. contact dermatitis).

### 3. HOW TO USE LOTRIDERM CREAM

**Always use Lotriderm Cream exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.**

- For adults and children over the age of 12 years a layer of cream should be gently massaged into the affected and surrounding skin areas twice a day, in the morning and evening.
- Usually the cream should be used for either two weeks or four weeks, depending on the type of infection you have.
- Your doctor will tell you how long to use the cream for. Your skin infection should start to improve and the redness and itchiness will ease within the first few days of treatment.
- If your skin infection does not appear to get any better, you should see your doctor.

**You should always follow these instructions when using Lotriderm Cream:**

- Keep the cream away from your eyes.
- If Lotriderm Cream is used in children, it should not be used on any part of their body for more than 5 days.
- Do not put the cream under a dressing, such as a plaster or bandage, as this makes it easier for the active ingredient of the medicine to pass through the skin and possibly cause some unwanted effects.

- You must not use a large amount of cream on large areas of the body for a long time (for example every day for many weeks or months).
- Do not apply the cream to the face for more than 5 days, in places where the skin folds (e.g. the back of the knee) or on large areas of damaged skin.

#### If you use more Lotriderm Cream than you should

If you (or someone else) accidentally swallows the cream, it should not produce any undesirable effects. However, if you are worried, you should see your doctor. If you use the cream more often than you should, or on large areas of the body, it may cause some side effects. If you have not followed the dosage instructions, or your doctor's advice and have used the cream too frequently and/or for a long time, you should tell your doctor.

#### If you forget to use Lotriderm Cream

If you forget to use your cream at the right time, use it as soon as you remember, then carry on as before.

### 4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

A few people may find that they suffer from some of the following side effects after using Lotriderm Cream:

- burning and stinging
- rash; swelling and other skin infections.

In addition, the following side effects have been reported to occur following the use of other medicines containing either clotrimazole or betamethasone dipropionate:

- redness, stinging, blistering, peeling, swelling, itching, burning, skin rash, dryness of the skin
- inflammation of the hair follicles; excessive hair growth
- darkening of the skin; allergic skin reactions; dermatitis (skin inflammation) around the mouth; other skin infections, thinning of the skin and red marks.

If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

#### Reporting of Side Effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard). By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

### 5. HOW TO STORE LOTRIDERM CREAM

Do not store above 25°C

**KEEP OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN**

#### Expiry Date:

Do not use after the expiry date shown on the carton label or tube.

If your doctor tells you to stop using this medicine, take any unused medicine to your pharmacist for safe disposal. Only keep it if told to do so by your doctor.

If your medicine becomes discoloured or shows any signs of deterioration, consult your pharmacist.

#### Important

This medicine has been prescribed for you by your doctor. Never give it to anyone else. It may harm them even though they may seem to have the same symptoms as you.

### 6. FURTHER INFORMATION

What Lotriderm Cream contains  
Lotriderm Cream contains 0.064 % w/w betamethasone dipropionate and 1.0 % w/w clotrimazole. The other ingredients are: liquid paraffin; white soft paraffin; cetostearyl alcohol; macrogol cetostearyl ether; benzyl alcohol; sodium dihydrogen phosphate dihydrate; phosphoric acid concentrated; sodium hydroxide; propylene glycol; purified water.

#### What Lotriderm Cream looks like and contents of the pack

Lotriderm is a smooth, white cream. The cream is available in a tube containing 30g.

#### Manufacturer:

This product is manufactured by: NV Schering-Plough Labo Industriepark 30 2220 Heist-op-den-Berg, Belgium.  
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