

**DiproBase<sup>®</sup> Ointment**  
Schering-Plough**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 DIPROBASE IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR**

Diprobase is an emollient, moisturising and protective ointment. It helps to soothe, smooth and hydrate the skin and prevent moisture loss.

In adults and children, Diprobase Ointment is used to treat red, inflamed, damaged, dry or chapped skin and to protect raw skin areas. If you are suffering from a skin condition called eczema, and your skin is dry, the ointment can be applied before having a bath, to prevent your skin from drying even further.

Eczema is a common skin disease, which causes the skin to become red and itchy.

**2. BEFORE YOU USE DIPROBASE****Do not use DIPROBASE**

- if you, or your child, have ever had an allergic reaction to Diprobase or any of its ingredients.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

**3. HOW TO USE DIPROBASE**

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

For adults and children, the ointment should be applied thinly to cover the affected area completely, massaging gently and thoroughly into the skin.

If the symptoms persist or the condition worsens, stop using the ointment and consult your doctor or pharmacist.

**If you forget to use DIPROBASE**

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

**4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS**

Like all medicines, Diprobase can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

If your symptoms persist or the condition worsens, stop using the ointment and consult your doctor or pharmacist.

Skin reactions including itching, rash, redness, peeling, burning, pain, dryness and skin inflammation (dermatitis) have been reported with product use.

If you are worried by this or any other effects, you should tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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.

## **5. HOW TO STORE DIPROBASE**

The ointment should not be stored above 25°C.

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not use the ointment after the expiry date "use by" which is stamped on the pack. This can be found on both the carton and tube. This refers to the last date of that month.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help protect the environment.

## **6. FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **What DIPROBASE contains**

– The ingredients are liquid paraffin and white soft paraffin.

### **What DIPROBASE looks like and contents of the pack**

Diprobase ointment is a smooth white ointment. It is available in a tube containing 50g and a pump dispenser containing 460g. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

### **Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer**

The holder of the Marketing Authorisation is:

Schering-Plough Ltd  
Welwyn Garden City  
Herts, AL7 1TW, UK.

The manufacturer is:

Schering-Plough Labo NV,  
Heist-op-den-Berg, Belgium.

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