

For the use of a Registered Medical Practitioner or a Hospital or a Laboratory only.

## PATIENT INFORMATION

# Permethrin Cream

## SCABMITE® CREAM

*The Powerful Mitecidal*

### Composition:

Permethrin BP 5.0% w/w  
Preservative:  
Formaldehyde  
Solution BP 0.1% w/w  
Cream base q.s.  
Perfume q.s.

### TO BE USED ONLY WHEN PRESCRIBED BY A DOCTOR.

**General Information:** Permethrin is a topical scabidical agent for the treatment of infestations with *Sarcoptes scabiei*, *Pediculus humanus capitis* and *P. humanus corporis*. It acts on the nerve cell membranes of the parasites with consequent paralysis. Absorption of permethrin is negligible following topical application.

**Uses:** Permethrin Cream is indicated for the treatment of scabies and pediculosis (lice) of the scalp and body.

**Prevention and management:** All persons in the household must be treated to prevent infestation or re-infestation. Permethrin Cream should be applied to all skin surfaces, from the scalp to the soles of the feet, and care should be taken to avoid contact with the eyes. It is not necessary to bathe before application, however, clothing and bedding, should be washed or left outside exposed to the air for 72 hours to prevent re-infestation.

**Contraindication:** Permethrin Cream is contraindicated in persons with known hypersensitivity to synthetic pyrethroids or pyrethrins.

**Adverse effects:** Mild and transient burning and stinging sensations may occur after treatment, particularly in cases with severe infestation.

**Presentation:** Cream 60 g Packing.  
Keep out of reach of children.

**Storage:** Store at temperatures below 25°C. Do not freeze.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Do not take this medication by mouth.
- Do not use more of this medication than is recommended by your Doctor.
- Avoid application to mouth, nose and eyes.
- To prevent re-infection, wash all clothing, bed clothes, bed linen, hair brushes and combs with a cleanser in hot water to remove any mites or eggs.
- Permethrin passes into breast milk, and it is not known whether topical application will harm a nursing baby. Do not use this medication without first talking to your doctor if you are breast-feeding a baby.

### To treat scabies:

Apply a thin layer of the Permethrin Cream to all body parts from the scalp down to soles of the feet. Apply the medication to dry skin and rub it in well. Leave the medication on for 8 to 12 hours, then wash it off completely. Scabies is usually cured with one application.

### To treat head lice:

Shampoo, rinse, and towel dry the hair as usual. Apply enough Permethrin Cream to saturate the hair and allow it to sit for 10 minutes. Thoroughly rinse with water. Combing of the hair to remove nits is not necessary. One treatment should cure the infection.

Do not apply this medication to the eyes, nose or mouth. Flush with water if you get medication in these areas.

Do not apply Permethrin Cream to open cuts or wounds. Doing so could cause too much medication to be absorbed by your body, which could be very dangerous.

Keep the cap tightly closed.

### What are the possible side effects of topical Permethrin ?

- Stop using Permethrin Cream and consult your doctor if you experience an allergic reaction (shortness of breath, closing of throat, swelling of lips, face, or tongue; or hives).
- Itching, burning or stinging, tingling, numbness, redness, swelling or a rash may occur.
- Notify your Doctor if your condition worsens, or if unusual itching, redness, swelling, burning or a rash occurs.
- Side effects other than those listed here may also occur. Talk to your Doctor about any side effect that seems unusual or that is especially bothersome.
- Do not apply other topical preparation to the affected area during treatment with Permethrin Cream.

**Remember, keep this and all medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use this medication only for the indication prescribed by your Doctor.**

**Use in pregnancy:** Safe use in pregnancy has not been demonstrated. However, since absorption is negligible, it may be used if advised by your Doctor to do so.