

# **Coco-Scalp**

**Coal tar solution 12% w/w, Salicylic acid 2% w/w, Sulfur 4% w/w**

## **Name of the medicinal product**

Coco-Scalp (Coconut Oil Compound Ointment)

## **Qualitative and quantitative composition**

Active ingredients	% w/w
Coal Tar Solution BP	12.0
Sulphur for External Use Ph.Eur	4.0
Salicylic Acid Ph.Eur	2.0

## **Pharmaceutical form**

Ointment for topical application

## **Clinical particulars**

### ***Therapeutic indications***

Coco-Scalp has mild, antipruritic, antiseptic and keratolytic properties. It is indicated in the treatment of common scaly skin disorders of the scalp such as psoriasis, eczema, seborrhoeic dermatitis and dandruff.

### ***Posology and method of administration***

#### **Adults, children over 12 years and the elderly**

##### **Mild dandruff**

To be used intermittently as an adjunctive treatment to be applied approximately once a week.

##### **Psoriasis, eczema, seborrhoeic dermatitis and severe dandruff**

To be used daily for three to seven days until improvement has been achieved. Intermittent repeated applications may be necessary to maintain improvement. In all cases, the affected area should be treated and shampooed off using warm water approximately one hour later.

#### **Children 6 – 12 years**

To be used under medical supervision only

## **Children under 6 years**

Not recommended

## ***Contra indications***

This product is contraindicated in patients known to be sensitive to any of the ingredients including sulphur and salicylates, coal tar, in the presence of acute local infections or acute pustular psoriasis.

## ***Special warnings and special precautions for use***

Avoid contact with the eyes and wash hands immediately after use.  
Discontinue use if irritation develops.  
If symptoms persist after four weeks, consult your doctor.  
Coal tar may stain bed linen and jewellery.

## ***Interaction with other medicaments and other forms of interaction***

None reported.

## ***Use in pregnancy and lactation***

To be used at the discretion of the physician.

## ***Effects on ability to drive and use machinery***

None

## ***Undesirable effects***

Coal Tar may cause skin irritation, folliculitis and rarely photosensitivity.

## ***Overdose***

Overdose is extremely unlikely. Treat symptomatically, if necessary.

## **Pharmacological properties**

### ***Pharmacodynamic properties.***

Coal Tar is antipruritic, keratoplastic and a weak antiseptic.  
Salicylic acid has keratolytic properties.  
Sulphur is a keratolytic, with weak antiseptic and parasiticide properties.

Combinations of coal tar, salicylic acid and sulphur are widely used in the treatment of hyperkeratotic and scaling skin conditions.

### ***Pharmacokinetic properties***

No data is available for the proposed formulation.

### ***Preclinical safety data***

None stated.

## **Pharmaceutical particulars**

### ***List of excipients***

Coconut Oil BP  
White Soft Paraffin BP  
Cetostearyl Alcohol Ph. Eur.  
Glycerol Ph. Eur.  
Liquid Paraffin Ph. Eur.  
Polyoxyethylene Glycerol Monostearate HSE  
Hard Paraffin Ph. Eur.

### ***Incompatibilities***

None known

### ***Shelf Life***

30 months for 40g pack.

### ***Special precautions for storage***

Store up to 25°C. Do not refrigerate.

### ***Nature and contents of container***

Coco-Scalp is packed into internally lacquered, membrane sealed, aluminium tubes fitted with a polyurethane cap. The product is available in a pack size of 40g

### ***Instructions for use/handling***

None stated

**Medicine classification**

General Sales Medicine

**Further information**

Nil

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