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## DermaSilk® Therapeutic Clothing Included in EADV Guidelines<sup>1</sup> and Available on FP10

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Your patient has downloaded this information from our website to help you with prescribing DermaSilk Therapeutic Clothing. DermaSilk is a registered Medical Device recommended by the European Academy of Dermatology Guidelines to help maintain control in mild to moderate eczema<sup>1</sup>.

It is a range of underclothing made from hypo-allergenic, sericin-free, medical grade silk, most commonly found in sutures. This clothing is also protected by an antimicrobial shield which does not migrate onto the skin and remains active for the life of the garment.



DermaSilk is the only silk fabric developed for the management of eczema and supported by product specific clinical data<sup>2-7</sup>. It has been shown in clinical trials to be significantly superior to cotton in helping reduce the itch and irritation associated with eczema<sup>2</sup>. One study demonstrated a beneficial effect within 7 days, comparable with potent corticosteroid creams.<sup>4</sup> Further data show that the effect is prolonged over a 3 month period<sup>3</sup>, confirming that DermaSilk is a modern, evidence based improvement on traditional cotton underclothing. DermaSilk controls temperature and humidity, so patients will not overheat when wearing it.

It is generally advised to prescribe a minimum of 2 of each item, so as one can be washed and one to be worn 24/7. Even with the most severe forms of eczema no more than 3 garments are normally prescribed. The need for repeat prescriptions is infrequent as these garments, unlike Tubular garments, have a long lifespan – often up to a year. This makes them cost effective. You will only need to repeat the prescription for a larger size once the patient grows out of them as they are exceptionally durable and robust. The enhanced control of inflammatory flares of eczema also provides the potential for less medication and medical intervention with consequent further cost savings whilst improving patient outcomes in terms of better sleep and improved concentration.

We appreciate that DermaSilk may be new to you, so we would ask you to either visit our website [www.dermasilk.co.uk](http://www.dermasilk.co.uk) or contact us directly on 01234 834614 for more information. In the mean time a full list of clinical references have been appended for your information. If you wish to prescribe then you should be able to find DermaSilk in all major prescribing software as well as the British National Formulary.

Thank You.

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