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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 in the European Academy of Dermatovenereology Guidelines for the treatment of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis<sup>1</sup>.

It is a range of underclothing made from hypo-allergenic, sericin-free, medical grade silk, most commonly found in sutures. The clothing is 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>(Error! Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found.)</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 seven 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>, making DermaSilk 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 two of each item, one for the wash and one to be worn 24/7. Even with the most severe forms of eczema no more than three garments are normally prescribed. The need for repeat prescriptions is infrequent which is a significant cost-effective benefit. An adult garment can last a year or more even with daily use, and children's garments will only need replacing as they are outgrown.

The enhanced control of the inflammatory flares of eczema also provides the potential for less medication and medical intervention with consequent further cost savings. We appreciate that DermaSilk may be new to you, so if you require more information please 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. DermaSilk is included in all major prescribing software as well as the British National Formulary.

Thank You.

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