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DermaSilk® Therapeutic Clothing now listed in BNF 57

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Your patient has downloaded this information from our website to update you on details of the prescribability of DermaSilk Therapeutic Clothing, which became available on the Drug Tariff from August 2007.

DermaSilk 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 has been shown in clinical trials to help reduce the itch and irritation associated with eczema in 7 days – a figure comparable with potent corticosteroid creams.³ Further data show that the effect is prolonged over a 3 month period², making DermaSilk a complete replacement for cotton underclothing. DermaSilk controls temperature and humidity, much like hair so patients will not overheat when wearing it. More importantly, these garments have a long life (often up to a year) and are easy to care for.

As the garments need to be in contact with the skin, the use of emollients tends to reduce as thinner applications are required.

We appreciate that DermaSilk may be new to you, so we would ask you to either visit our website 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 dated March 2009.

Thank You.

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