

Package leaflet: Information for the patient
Cocois Ointment
coal tar solution, salicylic acid and sulphur for external use

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

This medicine is available without prescription. Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse.

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1. What Cocois is and what it is used for

Cocois contains coal tar solution, salicylic acid and sulphur for external use.

Coal tar solution and sulphur are mildly antiseptic and relieves itching. Sulphur also has an antifungal action. Coal tar solution, salicylic acid and sulphur help to reduce the excessive hardening, thickening and scaling of the skin.

Cocois acts by reducing the scaliness and irritation of the skin associated with dry scaly skin disorders.

Cocois is for the treatment of dry scaly skin disorders of the scalp such as psoriasis, eczema, dandruff and other inflammatory conditions causing irritation and scaliness.

2. What you need to know before you use Cocois

Do not use Cocois if:

- You are allergic to coal tar solution, salicylic acid, or sulphur for external use or any of the ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6)
- You have any acute infection of the skin
- You have broken or infected skin
- You suffer from any form of psoriasis which causes the appearance of blisters filled with pus (acute pustular psoriasis).

If any of the above applies to you talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Cocois.

Do not smoke or go near naked flames – risk of severe burns. Fabric (clothing, bedding, dressings, etc) that has been in contact with this product burns more easily and is a serious fire hazard. Washing clothing and bedding may reduce product build-up but not totally remove it.

Children and adolescents

Do not give this medicine to children under 6 years old.

Other medicines and Cociois

Tell your doctor if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

Important information about some of the ingredients of Cociois

Cetostearyl alcohol may cause local skin reactions (e.g. contact dermatitis).

3. How to use Cociois

Always use this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or nurse has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Remember:

- Avoid any contact with your eyes and mouth.
- Cociois may stain clothes and jewellery. Care should be taken to protect or remove these before application.
- Do not use Cociois if the tube membrane is broken.

Use in children and adolescents

- Cociois should only be used under medical supervision in children aged 6-12 years.
- It is not recommended for use in children under the age of six years.

Instructions for use

- Pierce the tube membrane by inverting the cap
- Attach the scalp applicator to the threaded portion of the tube.
- Part your hair and apply a thin ribbon of Cociois to the affected areas of your scalp.
- Take care to avoid contact with your eyes.
- Gently rub in the ointment and leave in contact with the scalp for approximately one hour.
- Wash your hands afterwards.
- After one hour, Cociois should be removed from the scalp by rinsing or showering using warm water and a shampoo.
- Take care to avoid getting the application in your eyes.
- Always wash your hands immediately after use.
- In severe scaly scalp conditions, if you experience psoriasis, eczema, seborrhoeic dermatitis and severe dandruff, it is usually necessary to apply Cociois daily for three to seven days until control has been obtained.
- With mild scaliness and mild dandruff, use intermittently as necessary, e.g., once a week.
- If, after the first week, the condition does not improve, or symptoms persist after four weeks, consult your doctor.

If you accidentally get Cociois in your eyes, wash it out immediately with plenty of cold water. If your eyes become irritated, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

If you use more Cociois than you should

If you use more Cociois than you should it is unlikely to lead to any serious side effects. If you accidentally swallow any Cociois, immediately tell your doctor or contact your nearest hospital casualty department.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Cociois can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

These include:

- Irritation of the skin
- Hypersensitivity reactions.
- Inflammation of the hair follicles
- Acne like eruptions
- Hair loss
- Discolouration of skin and hair
- A rash from sensitivity to sunlight. This is rare.
- If you have asthma or if anyone in your family is allergic to aspirin, Cociois may cause difficulty in breathing or tightness in your chest. This is very rare.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via HPRC Pharmacovigilance, Website: www.hpra.ie. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Cociois

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the label. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not store above 25°C. Do not refrigerate or freeze. Always replace cap after use and return tube to carton. Discard tube no later than 4 weeks after opening.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Cociois contains:

The active ingredients are: Coal tar solution 12% w/w, Salicylic acid 2% w/w and sulphur for external use 4% w/w.

Each gram of cream contains 120mg of coal tar solution (12% w/w), 20mg of salicylic acid (2% w/w) and 40mg of sulphur for external use (4% w/w).

The other ingredients are: coconut oil, white soft paraffin, cetostearyl alcohol, glycerol, liquid paraffin, polyoxyethylene glycerol monostearate, hard paraffin

What Cociois looks like and contents of the pack

Cociois is packed into internally lacquered, membrane sealed, aluminium tubes fitted with a polyurethane cap. It is supplied in 40 g or 100 g tubes. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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