

# Dermatix<sup>®</sup> – Topical silicone gel for scar prevention in freshly healed wounds and reduction of prominent immature scars.

### What is Dermatix<sup>®</sup> gel?

Dermatix<sup>®</sup> is a clear quick-drying gel that helps maintain the skin's moisture balance, whilst treating scars resulting from surgery, burns, and other injuries. Dermatix<sup>®</sup> has been shown to flatten, soften and smooth scars, relieve the pain, itching and discomfort of scars as well as reduce any associated redness. Dermatix<sup>®</sup> gel is easily applied to all areas of the skin, including the face, joints and flexures, and dries quickly to form an invisible "sheet".

Dermatix<sup>®</sup>, made using the same basic long chain polymers as silicone gel sheeting, is available in a tube. The gel, containing polysiloxane, is available in tubes of 15 g.

### What is Dermatix® gel used for?

Dermatix® is used for the treatment and prevention of keloids and hypertrophic scars (such as those resulting from general surgical procedures, trauma wounds and burns), ideally used just after the wound has freshly healed and the skin surface becomes intact. It may also be used for prominent red immature scars that are actively healing; often up to two years post wound closure.

## How should Dermatix® gel be used?

Remove the tube cap and cut the tip. Wash the affected area and pat dry since Dermatix® should only be applied to clean, dry skin. Gently massage a small amount of gel into the scar. If you apply too much gently wipe away any excess with a tissue in order to avoid staining of clothing. Once dry, Dermatix® may be covered with cosmetic blush. Apply once in the morning and once at night for a minimum period of at least two months; for difficult scars however, further treatment may be required. Dermatix® can also be used on children.

# When should Dermatix® gel not be used?

- Dermatix<sup>®</sup> should not be applied to unhealed open wounds.
- Dermatix<sup>®</sup> should not be placed in contact with mucous membranes, or applied too close to the eyes.
- Dermatix<sup>®</sup> should not be applied over other skin treatments without the advice of your doctor.

# Are there any possible unwanted effects of Dermatix<sup>®</sup> gel?

Rarely, the gel may cause redness, pain or irritation to the skin. If you are concerned about these or any other unwanted effects, consult your pharmacist or doctor.

# How should Dermatix® be stored?

- Keep out of the reach of children.
- Store below 25°C and away from heat sources.
- Do not use after the expiry date  $(\Xi)$  printed on the pack.

#### **Further information**

You can get more information about Dermatix® from your pharmacist or doctor.

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