

## GUIDE Stepwise management of eczema (atopic dermatitis)



Patient Name:		_ Date of birth:
Prepared by Doctor or Nurse Practitioner:		Date:
1. MAINTAIN SKIN EVERY DAY regardless of whether eczema is present	2. TREAT ACTIVE ECZEMA (FLARE) and continue to maintain skin every day	3. TREAT SEVERE  ECZEMA  and continue to maintain skin every day
<ul> <li>A short bath or shower every day with a non-soap body wash or oil - lightly pat skin dry after with a towel</li> <li>Moisturiser - apply twice each day to face and body straight after bath or shower - you can moisturise as many times as you need</li> <li>Avoid moisturisers containing foods (such as nut oils or goat milk)</li> <li>Names of moisturiser/s for the face:</li> <li>Names of moisturiser/s for the body:</li> <li>Bleach baths times per week - use as directed to reduce the risk of infected eczema</li> </ul>	Cortisone and non-steroid creams or ointments – apply as soon as there is an eczema flare (redness, increased itch, dry rough areas)  Names of cream or ointment for the face:  Use times each day  Names of cream or ointment for the body:  Use times each day  Continue to apply cream or ointment until skin feels smooth and the eczema has completely gone  Wet dressings - use as directed, on arms, legs, feet, chest, back, neck or scalp  A cool compress can be used on the face  See your doctor or nurse practitioner if the eczema does not improve within a week	Cortisone and non-steroid creams or ointments – apply as soon as there is an eczema flare (redness, increased itch, dry rough areas)  Names of cream or ointment for the face:  Use times each day  Names of cream or ointment for the body:  Use times each day  Continue to apply cream or ointment until skin feels smooth and the eczema has completely gone  Wet dressings - use as directed, on arms, legs, feet, chest, back, neck or scalp  A cool compress can be used on the face  See your doctor or nurse practitioner if the eczema does not improve within a week
INFECTIONS: Use times each day - dosefordays		
See your doctor or nurse practitioner if eczema does not improve or if unwell with a fever		
OTHER TREATMENTS:		

TRIGGERS: Avoid or minimise exposure to triggers and irritants where possible, such as soap or

perfumed products, overheating/over dressing or exposure to prickly fabrics