

TOPICAL STEROIDS

Classification of topical steroid preparations by potency

LOW POTENCY

<p>Alclometasone dipropionate 0.05% Acloate (crm, oint)</p> <p>Fluocinolone acetonide 0.01% Synalar (soln)</p> <p>Hydrocortisone base or acetate 1% Analpram HC 1%* (crm) Epifoam* (foam) Hytone (crm, oint) Pramosone 1%* (crm, oint, lotion)</p>	<p>Hydrocortisone base or acetate 1% (continued) Proctocort Cream (crm) U-cort (crm) Vytone* (crm)</p> <p>Hydrocortisone base or acetate 1.85% Proctocort*(crm)</p> <p>Hydrocortisone base or acetate 2% Pediaderm HC (lotion) Scalacort (lotion)</p>	<p>Hydrocortisone base or acetate 2.5% Analpram HC 2.5%* (crm, lotion) Hytone (crm, oint) Pramosone 2.5%* (crm, oint, lotion) Proctocream HC (crm)</p> <p>Hydrocortisone base or acetate 2% Pediaderm HC (lotion) Scalacort (lotion)</p> <p>Triamcinolone acetonide 0.025%^Δ Kenalog (crm, lotion)</p>
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INTERMEDIATE POTENCY

<p>Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05%[†] Luxiq (foam)</p> <p>Betamethasone valerate 0.12% Luxiq (foam)</p> <p>Clocortolone pivalate 0.1% Cloderm (crm)</p> <p>Desonide 0.05% Desonate (gel) DesOwen (lotion, oint) Verdeso (foam)</p> <p>Desoximetasone 0.05% Topicort-LP (emollient crm)</p> <p>Fluocinolone acetonide 0.01% Derma-Smoothe/FS (oil) Capex (shampoo)</p>	<p>Fluocinolone acetonide 0.025% Synalar (crm, oint)</p> <p>Flurandrenolide 0.025% Cordran-SP (crm) Cordran (oint)</p> <p>Flurandrenolide 0.05% Cordran-SP (crm) Cordran (lotion, oint)</p> <p>Fluticasone propionate 0.005% Cutivate (oint)</p> <p>Fluticasone propionate 0.05% Cutivate (crm, lotion)</p> <p>Hydrocortisone probutate 0.1% Pandel (crm)</p>	<p>Hydrocortisone butyrate 0.1% Locoid (crm, oint, soln) Locoid Lipocream (crm)</p> <p>Hydrocortisone valerate 0.2% Westcort (crm, oint)</p> <p>Mometasone furoate 0.1% Elocon (crm, lotion, oint)</p> <p>Prednicarbate 0.1% Dermatop (emollient crm, oint)</p> <p>Triamcinolone acetonide 0.05% Trianex (oint)</p> <p>Triamcinolone acetonide 0.1%^Δ Kenalog (crm, lotion)</p> <p>Triamcinolone acetonide 0.2% Kenalog (aerosol)</p>
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HIGH POTENCY

<p>Amcinonide 0.1%[◇]</p> <p>Betamethasone dipropionate, augmented 0.05% Diprolene AF (emollient crm) Diprolene (lotion)</p> <p>Desoximetasone 0.05% Topicort (gel)</p>	<p>Desoximetasone 0.25% Topicort (emollient crm, oint)</p> <p>Diflorasone diacetate 0.05% Psorcon e (emollient crm, emollient oint)</p> <p>Fluocinonide 0.05% Lidex (crm, gel, oint, soln) Lidex-E (emollient crm)</p>	<p>Halcinonide 0.1%[‡] Halog (crm, oint, soln)</p> <p>Triamcinolone acetonide 0.5%[†] Kenalog (crm)</p>
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SUPER HIGH POTENCY

<p>Betamethasone dipropionate, augmented 0.05% Diprolene (oint, gel)</p>	<p>Clobetasol propionate 0.05% Clobex (lotion, shampoo, spray) Olux (foam) Olux-E (foam) Temovate (crm, gel, oint, scalp application) Temovate-E (emollient crm)</p>	<p>Fluocinonide 0.1% Vanos (crm)</p> <p>Flurandrenolide 4mcg/sq cm Cordran (tape)</p> <p>Halobetasol propionate 0.05% Ultravate (crm, oint)</p>
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NOTES

*Indicates that the product has more than one active ingredient.

†Also available as a cream generically.

‡Also available as an emollient cream generically.

ΔAlso available as a cream or ointment generically.

◇Also available as a cream, ointment, or lotion generically.

The classification is based on vasoconstrictor assays and clinical studies. Potency varies according to the corticosteroid, its concentration, and the vehicle. In general, corticosteroids in lotions, creams, gels, and ointments are increasingly more potent due to increased absorption from these vehicles.

Absorption is increased by prolonged therapy, large areas of skin damage, and the use of occlusive dressings which may cause an increase in the incidence of side effects.

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