

specify the quantity to be applied to a given area of skin. This length can be measured in terms of a *finger tip unit* (the distance from the tip of the adult index finger to the first crease). One fingertip unit (approximately 500 mg from a tube with a standard 5 mm diameter nozzle) is sufficient to cover an area that is twice that of the flat adult handprint (palm and fingers). Mixing topical preparations on the skin should be avoided where possible; several minutes should elapse between application of different preparations.

‘Wet-wrap bandaging’ increases absorption into the skin, but should be initiated only by a dermatologist and application supervised by a healthcare professional trained in the technique.

- **PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** The potency of each topical corticosteroid should be included on the label with the directions for use. The label should be attached to the container (for example, the tube) rather than the outer packaging.
- **PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE** Patients or carers should be given advice on how to administer corticosteroid creams and ointments. If a patient is using topical corticosteroids of different potencies, the patient should be told when to use each corticosteroid. Patients and their carers should be reassured that side effects such as skin thinning and systemic effects rarely occur when topical corticosteroids are used appropriately.

## Alclometasone dipropionate

21-Dec-2017

### ● INDICATIONS AND DOSE

#### Inflammatory skin disorders such as eczemas

##### ► TO THE SKIN

- Child: Apply 1–2 times a day, to be applied thinly

##### POTENCY

- Alclometasone dipropionate cream 0.05%: moderate

- **UNLICENSED USE** Licensed for use in children (age range not specified by manufacturer).
- **PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE** Patients or carers should be counselled on the application of alclometasone dipropionate cream.
- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug.

#### Cream

##### CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 28

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Cetostearyl alcohol (including cetyl and stearyl alcohol), chlorocresol, propylene glycol

##### ► Alclometasone dipropionate (Non-proprietary)

Alclometasone dipropionate 500 microgram per 1 gram Boots  
Derma Care Eczema & Dermatitis Flare-Up 0.05% cream |  
15 gram  

## Beclometasone dipropionate

15-May-2020

### (Beclomethasone dipropionate)

### ● INDICATIONS AND DOSE

#### Severe inflammatory skin disorders such as eczemas unresponsive to less potent corticosteroids | Psoriasis

##### ► TO THE SKIN

- Child: Apply 1–2 times a day, to be applied thinly

##### POTENCY

- Beclometasone dipropionate cream and ointment 0.025%: potent.

- **UNLICENSED USE** Not licensed for use in children under 1 year.
- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: corticosteroids
- **SIDE-EFFECTS** Vision blurred


- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug. Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: cream, ointment

#### Cream

##### CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 28

##### ► Beclomethasone dipropionate (Non-proprietary)

#### Beclomethasone dipropionate 250 microgram per


1 gram Beclomethasone 0.025% cream | 30 gram  £68.00 DT = £68.00

#### Ointment

##### CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 28

##### ► Beclomethasone dipropionate (Non-proprietary)

#### Beclomethasone dipropionate 250 microgram per

1 gram Beclomethasone 0.025% ointment | 30 gram  £68.00 DT = £68.00

## Betamethasone

28-Nov-2019

- **DRUG ACTION** Betamethasone has very high glucocorticoid activity and insignificant mineralocorticoid activity.

### ● INDICATIONS AND DOSE

#### Severe inflammatory skin disorders such as eczemas unresponsive to less potent corticosteroids | Psoriasis

##### ► TO THE SKIN

- Child: Apply 1–2 times a day, to be applied thinly

##### POTENCY

- Betamethasone valerate 0.025% cream and ointment: moderate. Betamethasone valerate 0.1% cream, lotion, ointment, and scalp application: potent. Betamethasone valerate 0.12% foam: potent. Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% cream, lotion, and ointment: potent.

- **UNLICENSED USE** *Betacop*<sup>®</sup>, *Betnovate*<sup>®</sup> and *Betnovate-RD*<sup>®</sup> are not licensed for use in children under 1 year. *Betamousse*<sup>®</sup> is not licensed for use in children under 6 years.

- **CAUTIONS** Use of more than 100 g per week of 0.1% preparation likely to cause adrenal suppression
- **INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: corticosteroids
- **PATIENT AND CARER ADVICE** Patient counselling is advised for betamethasone cream, ointment, scalp application and foam (application).

- **MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug. Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: cream, ointment


#### Foam

##### CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 15, 28

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Cetostearyl alcohol (including cetyl and stearyl alcohol), polysorbates, propylene glycol

##### ► Betamousse (RPH Pharmaceuticals AB)

#### Betamethasone (as Betamethasone valerate) 1 mg per

1 gram Betamousse 0.1% cutaneous foam | 100 gram  £9.75 DT = £9.75

#### Cream

##### CAUTIONARY AND ADVISORY LABELS 28

EXCIPIENTS: May contain Cetostearyl alcohol (including cetyl and stearyl alcohol), chlorocresol


##### ► Betamethasone (Non-proprietary)

#### Betamethasone (as Betamethasone valerate) 1 mg per

1 gram Betamethasone valerate 0.1% cream | 15 gram  £3.00 | 30 gram  £3.01 DT = £2.30 | 100 gram  £7.64 DT = £7.64

##### ► Audavate (Accord Healthcare Ltd)

#### Betamethasone (as Betamethasone valerate) 250 microgram per


1 gram Audavate RD 0.025% cream | 100 gram  £2.99 DT = £3.15

#### Betamethasone (as Betamethasone valerate) 1 mg per

1 gram Audavate 0.1% cream | 30 gram  £1.14 DT = £2.30 | 100 gram  £3.24 DT = £7.64

##### ► Betnovate (GlaxoSmithKline UK Ltd)

#### Betamethasone (as Betamethasone valerate) 250 microgram per

1 gram Betnovate RD 0.025% cream | 100 gram  £3.15 DT = £3.15