

Topical Corticosteroids

Drug	Strength (w/w)	Brand	Formulation	Recommended Pack Size and Primary Care Price*
Mild				
Fluocinolone acetonide	0.0025%	Synalar 1 in 10 dilution [®]	Cream	50g (£4.58)
Hydrocortisone	0.5%	Generic	Cream / Ointment	15g (£1.42 / £3.39)
Hydrocortisone	1%	Generic	Cream / Ointment	15g (£1.12/£1.27)
Mild with Antimicrobial				
Hydrocortisone / Clotrimazole	1% / 1%	Canesten HC [®]	Cream	30g (£2.42)
Hydrocortisone / Miconazole	1% / 2%	Daktacort [®]	Cream / Ointment	30g (£2.48 / £2.50)
Hydrocortisone acetate / Fusidic acid	1% / 2%	Fucidin H [®]	Cream	30g (£5.02)
Moderate				
Fluocinolone acetonide	0.00625%	Synalar 1 in 4 dilution [®]	Cream / Ointment	50g (£4.84)
Fludroxycortide	4 µg / cm ²	Haelan [®] tape	Polythene Adhesive Film	7.5 cm x 50cm (£9.27), 7.5 cm x 200 cm (£24.95)
Betamethasone valerate	0.025%	Betnovate-RD [®]	Cream / Ointment	100g (£3.15)
Clobetasone butyrate	0.05%	Eumovate [®]	Cream / Ointment	30g (£1.86), 100g (£5.44)
Moderate with Antimicrobial				
Clobetasone butyrate / Oxytetracycline / Nystatin	0.05% / 3% / 100,000 units/g	Trimovate [®]	Cream	30g (£3.29)**
Potent				
Fluocinolone acetonide	0.025%	Synalar [®]	Cream / Ointment	30g (£4.14), 100g (£11.75)
Hydrocortisone butyrate	0.1%	Locoid [®]	Cream / Ointment	30g (£1.60), 100g (£4.93)
Betamethasone valerate	0.1%	Betnovate [®]	Cream	30g (£2.73), 100g (£9.10)
Betamethasone valerate	0.1%	Betnovate [®]	ointment	30g (£3.16), 100g (£10.53)

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Potent With Antimicrobial				
Betamethasone valerate / Clioquinol	0.1% / 3%	Generic	Cream / Ointment	30g (£9.48)
Betamethasone valerate / Fusidic Acid	0.1% / 2%	Fucibet®	Cream	30g (£5.32), 60g (£10.63)
Fluocinolone acetonide / Clioquinol	0.025% / 3%	Synalar C®	Cream / Ointment	15g (£2.66)**
Fluocinolone acetonide / Neomycin	0.025% / 0.5%	Synalar N®	Cream / Ointment	30g (£4.36)**
Potent With Salicylic Acid				
Betamethasone dipropionate / Salicylic Acid	0.05% / 3%	Diprosalic®	Ointment	30g (£3.18), 100g (£9.14)
Potent Scalp Application				
Betamethasone valerate	0.1%	Betacap®	Scalp Application	100ml (£3.75)
Betamethasone dipropionate / Salicylic acid	0.05% / 2%	Diprosalic®	Scalp Application	100ml (£10.10)
Fluocinolone acetonide	0.025%	Synalar®	Gel	30g (£5.56), 60g (£10.02)
Very Potent				
Clobetasol propionate	0.05%	Dermovate®	Cream / Ointment	30g (£2.69), 100g (£7.90)
Diflucortolone valerate	0.3%	Nerisone Forte®	Oily Cream / Ointment	15g (£2.09)
Very Potent Scalp Application				
Clobetasol propionate	0.05%	Dermovate®	Scalp Application	30ml (£3.07), 100ml (£10.42)
Very Potent with Antimicrobial				
Clobetasol propionate / Neomycin sulphate / Nystatin	0.05% / 0.5% / 100,000 units/g	Generic	Cream / Ointment	30g (£64.00)***

*Primary care costs were obtained Drug Tariff December 2013.ⁱ

**Costs unavailable in the Drug Tariff. Costs obtained from the C&D.ⁱⁱ

***Prices have been taken from the British National Formulary (BNF) 66 September 2013.ⁱⁱⁱ

ⁱ NHS Electronic Drug Tariff, February 2014. Available from http://www.ppa.org.uk/ppa/edt_intro.htm <accessed 03/02/14>

ⁱⁱ Chemist & Druggist. Product List. January 2014. C & D.

ⁱⁱⁱ British National Formulary September 2013. Available at <http://www.bnf.org/bnf/index.htm> <accessed on 04/02/14>