

Topical Ointments & Creams

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| Class | Generic Name | Brand Name | Dosage |
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| Mild Steroid | Aclometasone 0.05% | Aclovate Cream Aclovate Ointment Generic Brand | Apply thin film 2 to 3 times a day. |
| | Fluocinolone 0.01% | Generic versions Synalar 0.01% (solution) | Apply thin film 2 to 4 times a day. |
| | Fluocinonide | Vanos Cream Vanos Website | Apply thin film once or twice a day. |
| | Hydrocortisone base or Acetate Less than 2.5% OTC 2.5% RX | Generic and store brands of Hydrocortisone available (cream, ointment and lotion) | Apply thin film 3 to 4 times a day. |
| | Triamcinolone 0.025% | Generic versions Aristocort A 0.025% cream and ointment | Apply thin film 3 to 4 times a day. |
| Intermediate Potency Steroid | Desonide 0.05% | Generic versions DesOwen (cream, ointment and lotion) | Adults: Apply thin film 2 to 3 times a day. |
| | Fluocinolone 0.025% | Generic versions Synalar 0.025% (cream and ointment) | Apply thin film 2 to 4 times a day. |
| | Flurandrenolide 0.025% Fluandrenolide 0.05% | Cordran-SP (cream) Cordran Ointment Cordran Website | Apply thin film 2 to 3 times a day. |
| | Fluticasone 0.005% Fluticasone 0.05% | Generics Cutivate Ointment (0.005%) Cutivate Cream (0.05%) | Children > 3 months: Thin coat 1 to 2 times a day for up to 4 weeks; not in diaper area. Adults: 1 to 2 times a day. |

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| | Hydrocortisone Butyrate 0.1% | Locoid (cream, ointment, solution) | Apply thin film 2 to 3 times a day. |
| | Hydrocortisone Probutate 0.1% | Pandel Cream | Age 18 and above: Apply a thin film 1 to 2 times a day. |
| | Hydrocortisone Valerate 0.2% | Generic versions Westcort (cream and ointment) | Apply thin film 2 to 3 times a day. |
| | Mometasone 0.1% | Generic of ointment Elocon (cream, ointment, lotion) | Age 2 and above: Apply thin film once daily; may use for up to 3 straight weeks in children before stopping. |
| | Prednicarbate 0.1% | Generics Dermatop (cream, ointment) Dermatop Website | Age >1: apply a thin film twice a day for up to 3 weeks. |
| | Triamcinolone 0.1% | Generic versions Aristocort A 0.1% (cream) Kenalog (cream, lotion) | Apply a thin film 3 to 4 times a day. |
| Potent Steroids | Amcinonide 0.1% | Generic versions Cyclocort (cream, ointment, lotion) | Apply a thin film 2 to 3 times a day (cream) 2 times a day (ointment and lotion). |
| | Betamethasone valerate | Generic | Thin film twice a day. |
| | Desoximetasone 0.05% | Generic versions Topicort (gel) | Age 10 and above: Apply a thin film twice a day. |
| | Desoximetasone 0.25% | Generic versions Topicort (emollient cream, ointment) Topicort Package Insert | |
| | Diflorasone 0.05% | Generics Psorcone (emollient cream, ointment) Psorcon (cream) | Adults: Apply a thin film 2 to 4 times a day. |
| | Fluocinonide 0.05% | Generics Lidex (cream, gel, | Apply a thin film 2 to 4 times a day. |

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| | | ointment, lotion) Lidex-E (emollient cream) | |
| | Halcononide 0.1% | Halog (cream, ointment, solution) Halog-E (emollient cream) | Apply a thin film 2 to 3 times a day for cream and ointment; 1 to 3 times a day for Halog- E. |
| | Triamcinolone 0.5% | Generic versions Aristocort A (cream) Kenalog (cream) | Thin film 3 to 4 times a day. |
| Super-potent Steroids | Betamethasone Dipropionate augmented 0.05% Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.05% | Generic versions Diprolene (augmented) Diprosone | Adults: Apply a thin film 1 to 2 times a day for up to two weeks. |
| | Clobetasol Propionate 0.05% | Generic versions Temovate (cream, gel, ointment) Temovate-E (emollient cream) | Age 16 and above: Apply a thin layer, twice daily for up to 2 weeks. |
| | Diflorasone 0.05% | Generics Psorcon (cream and ointment) | Adults: Apply a thin film 1 to 4 times a day. |
| | Flurandrenolide 4 mcg/sq cm | Cordran (tape) | Apply every 12 hours. |
| | Halobetasol propionate 0.05% | Generic Ultravate (cream, ointment)-+ | Adults: Thin layer 1 to 2 times a day for a 2-week treatment. |
| Anti-itch (anti-pruritus) | Doxepin 5% Cream | Zonalon Generic | Adults: Apply a thin film 4 times a day at 3 to 4 hour intervals for up to 8 days. |
| Immunomodulatory Skin Medications | Pimecrolimus 1% | Elidel Cream Elidel Website | For short term and intermittent long-term treatment of atopic dermatitis. Age 2 and above, apply twice daily. |
| | Tacrolimus 0.03% Tacrolimus 0.1% | Protopic Ointment 0.03% (children age 2 to 15) | Apply to affected skin twice daily. Stop 1 week after the signs |

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| | | 0.1% (for age 16 and older) Protopic Website | and symptoms of atopic dermatitis clear up. Age 2 and older. |
| Topical Jak (Janus kinase) inhibitor | Ruxolitinib cream 1.5% | Opzelura Opzelura Website | For the treatment of mild-moderate atopic dermatitis in non-immunocompromised individuals. For those 12 years or older. Apply a thin layer twice daily to affected areas of up to 20% body surface area. Do not use more than 60 grams per week. |
| | Delgocitinib | Anzupgo Anzupgo Website | For the topical treatment of moderate to severe chronic hand eczema in adults who have had an inadequate response to, or for whom topical corticosteroids are not advisable |
| Other | Crisaborole | Eucrisa Eucrisa Website | Mild-moderate Atopic Dermatitis >=2 y/o apply 2 times per day Approved for 3 months and older. |
| Other | Difamilast 1% | Adquey | An ointment indicated for the topical treatment of adults and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older with mild to moderate atopic dermatitis. |
| Other | Roflumilast cream 0.15% | Zoryve Zoryve Website | Applied once daily on the skin to treat mild to moderate atopic dermatitis in people 6 years of age and older. |
| Other | Tapinarof cream 1% | Vtama Vtama Website | Apply a thin layer of cream to affected areas once daily to treat atopic dermatitis in adults and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older. |