

Treating minor skin irritations

Topical corticosteroids are commonly prescribed for eczema, dermatitis and other steroid responsive skin conditions. They may help ease redness and reduce inflammation so that the skin can improve.¹

Topical corticosteroids are available in many different strengths and formulations. Your health professional has chosen to recommend DermAid, a mild strength topical corticosteroid,² for you based on the severity of your skin condition, where it is on your body, and your age.³

USING TOPICAL CORTICOSTEROIDS CORRECTLY

Topical corticosteroids are a safe and effective treatment⁴ when used appropriately. Together with your health professional and Ego, we will help you understand how to correctly and confidently apply your topical corticosteroid for the most desired outcome.

APPLYING DERMAID⁵

How do I apply it?

- **DermAid Cream:** A thin layer should be applied to the affected skin as indicated on the packaging. Once the inflammation has subsided the frequency of use may be reduced.*
- **DermAid Spray:** Hold bottle approximately 10cm from affected skin and apply 1-2 sprays, 2-3 times daily as required. Massage in gently. Once inflammation has subsided the frequency of use may be reduced.*
- **DermAid Solution:** Apply a few drops of the solution to the affected area, 2-3 times daily as required. Massage in gently. Once inflammation has subsided the frequency of use may be reduced.*

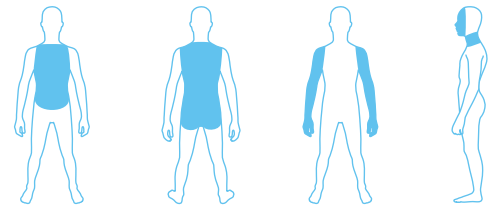
*Do not use for more than 7 days unless recommended by a health professional.



Guide to using topical corticosteroids

HOW MUCH TO USE

The table below provides a guide about how much topical corticosteroid (in FTU) can be used to treat a specific body area.



Age	Front of chest & abdomen	Back & buttocks	Entire arm & hand	Face & neck
3-12 months	1	1.5	1	1
1-3 years	2	3	1.5	1.5
3-6 years	3	3.5	2	1.5
6-10 years	3.5	5	2.5	2
> 10 years (including adults)	7	7	4	2.5

Adapted from Topical Steroid-how much do I use, Australian Medicines Handbook updated April 2017⁷
Note: FTU used in this table is based on an adult FTU, this is then applied to the child.

What is a finger-tip unit measurement?

Finger-tip units can be a useful way to measure how much you need to apply.

A finger-tip unit (FTU) is the amount of cream squeezed from a tube that will fit along an adult's index finger to the first crease.⁶



Scan to watch how to apply a topical corticosteroid



Maintaining the skin barrier between flares

First-line management options common to all severities of eczema includes the use of **short-term topical corticosteroids** to control flare-ups,⁸ combined with **on going use of emollients** to help relieve the symptoms of eczema.^{8,9}

QV Dermcare Eczema Daily Wash & Cream with ceramides, a therapeutic range designed to help support the skin barrier and relieve symptoms of mild to moderate eczema.

Scientifically formulated to help improve skin hydration, reduce moisture loss and reduce itch associated with dry skin.



Treat with the most appropriate strength topical corticosteroid.

Educate and learn more on topical corticosteroids. Simply scan the QR code.



And Maintain the skin barrier to help relieve symptoms of mild to moderate eczema with QV Dermcare Eczema Daily.

My Eczema Management Plan

MY NAME:

DATE:

MY GP:

MY PHARMACIST:

MANAGING ECZEMA

- Eczema can be effectively managed by a daily skincare regime that supports the skin's barrier function, and avoiding known triggers.
- Using products designed to retain moisture, reduce itchy, dry skin and control flares can be beneficial in managing the symptoms.

TREAT

TOPICAL CORTICOSTEROIDS

To help reduce inflammation and redness of the skin, apply a sufficient amount of DermAid to all areas of inflamed skin to ensure you have covered the entirety of the affected area. Continue use until the condition has cleared for up to 7 days, or as advised by your health professional. It is recommended to apply immediately after cleansing, before or after moisturising.

- DermAid 1% Cream 0.5% Cream
 1% Soft Cream 0.5% Soft Cream
 1% Spray 1% Solution _____ x daily

MAINTAIN & PROTECT

CLEANSE & MOISTURISE

Cleanse once daily in lukewarm water, using a soap-free wash with added moisturisers.

Follow with a unperfumed moisturiser to help repair the skin barrier and hydrate the skin. Apply a liberal amount (at least twice daily) and smooth in the direction of hair growth until absorbed. Moisturisers can be applied before or after a topical corticosteroid.

When skin is extremely dry and cracked, apply a water-free ointment for relief and experience no sting.

- QV Dermcare Eczema Daily Wash with Ceramides: Cleanse eczema skin _____ daily
- QV Dermcare Eczema Daily Cream with Ceramides: Moisturise eczema skin _____ daily
- QV Dermcare Sting-Free Ointment with Ceramides: Moisturise cracked, dry skin _____ daily

CONTROL FLARES

CLEANSE & MOISTURISE

When experiencing an episodic flare up, cleanse using a wash designed to remove bacteria that can aggravate eczema. Follow with a rich emollient moisturiser to help reduce the occurrence of symptoms. Apply a liberal amount of the moisturiser (at least three times daily) to the affected area. Recommended immediately after cleansing and in the evening.

- QV Flare Up Wash
– Cleanse and relieve symptoms of flares _____ daily
- QV Flare Up Cream
– Moisturise and relieve symptoms of flares _____ daily

RELIEVE INFECTION

BATHE

When infection is present on eczema skin, soak in a bath oil that contains antibacterial properties. Your health professional will diagnose whether bacteria such as Staphylococcus aureus is heightening the condition.

A dual action bath oil containing antibacterial and emollient ingredients, helps to reduce the levels of bacteria on the skin, while helping to maintain skin hydration. Follow with a rich emollient moisturiser to help reduce occurrence of symptoms.

- QV Flare Up Bath Oil
Cleanse and reduce bacteria _____ daily

RELIEVE ITCH

CLEANSE

Cleanse in a pine tar formulation when inflammation and itch are a dominant symptom. Pine tar helps provide effective relief from itch. Reducing the need to itch may reduce exacerbation of the inflamed condition and in turn help improve topical treatment outcomes.

- Pinetarsol Bath Oil _____ daily
- Pinetarsol Bath Solution _____ daily
- Pinetarsol Gel _____ daily
- Pinetarsol Cleansing Bar _____ daily

AVOID TRIGGERS

Eczema skin is more likely to be irritated by external factors. Some of the triggers recommended to avoid are:¹⁰

- Hot temperatures and overheating your skin. Layer clothing for easy removal as required to keep the skin cool. Cotton clothing is recommended.
- Perfumed products and contact with irritants including detergents, soaps, and chlorinated pools.
- Dust and dust mites, pet fur.
- Allergies _____
- Other _____

The information contained in this guide is for educational purposes only. It is not a substitute for medical judgement, advice, diagnosis or treatment of any skin condition or problem.

DermAid (hydrocortisone) 0.5% and Soft Cream 0.5%, QV Dermcare Care Eczema Daily, QV Flare Up Cream (Glycerol), QV Flare Up Bath Oil (benzalkonium chloride, light liquid paraffin, triclosan), Pinetarsol Bath Oil and Gel (tar (pine tar), Pinetarsol Bath Solution: (tar (pine tar), trolamine lauril sulfate):
ALWAYS READ THE LABEL. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FOR USE.
IF SYMPTOMS PERSIST, WORSEN OR CHANGE UNEXPECTEDLY, TALK TO YOUR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL.

Review the full PI before recommending DermAid (hydrocortisone) 1% Cream, Spray, Solution. PI available on request from Ego Pharmaceuticals:
CONSULT YOUR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL.



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