

# TOPICAL STEROID POTENCIES (Part 1 of 2)

Generic	Strength	Brand	Form
<b>VERY HIGH POTENCY</b>			
betamethasone dipropionate, augmented	0.05%	—	ointment
		<b>Diprolene</b>	ointment
clobetasol propionate	0.05%	—	cream, emollient cream, ointment, lotion, gel, solution
		<b>Clobex</b>	lotion, shampoo, spray
		<b>Olux</b>	foam
desoximetasone	0.25%	<b>Topicort</b>	spray
diflorasone diacetate	0.05%	—	ointment
fluocinonide	0.1%	<b>Vanos</b>	cream
flurandrenolide	4mcg/cm <sup>2</sup>	<b>Cordran</b>	tape
halobetasol propionate	0.05%	—	cream, ointment
		<b>Lexette</b>	foam
		<b>Ultravate</b>	lotion
	0.01%	<b>Bryhali</b>	lotion
		<b>Duobrii*</b>	lotion
<b>HIGH POTENCY</b>			
amcinonide	0.1%	—	ointment, cream, lotion
betamethasone dipropionate	0.05%	—	ointment, cream
betamethasone dipropionate, augmented	0.05%	—	cream
clobetasol propionate	0.025%	<b>Impoyz</b>	cream
desoximetasone	0.25%	—	cream, ointment
	0.05%	—	gel
diflorasone diacetate	0.05%	—	cream
fluocinonide	0.05%	—	cream, ointment, gel, solution
halcinonide	0.1%	<b>Halog</b>	cream, ointment, solution
mometasone furoate	0.1%	—	ointment
triamcinolone acetonide	0.5%	—	cream, ointment
<b>MEDIUM POTENCY</b>			
betamethasone dipropionate	0.05%	<b>Sernivo</b>	spray
betamethasone valerate	0.12%	<b>Luxiq</b>	foam
	0.1%	—	cream, ointment, lotion
clocortolone pivalate	0.1%	<b>Cloderm</b>	cream
desoximetasone	0.05%	—	cream, ointment
fluocinolone acetonide	0.025%	<b>Synalar</b>	cream, ointment
flurandrenolide	0.05%	<b>Cordran</b>	cream, lotion, ointment
fluticasone propionate	0.05%	—	cream, lotion
		<b>Cutivate</b>	lotion
	0.005%	—	ointment

*(continued)*

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<b>MEDIUM POTENCY (continued)</b>				
mometasone furoate	0.1%	—	crm, soln	
		<b>Elocon</b>	lotion	
triamcinolone acetonide	0.2%	<b>Kenalog</b>	spray	
		0.1%	—	crm, oint, dental paste, lotion
		0.05%	—	ointment
<b>LOWER-MEDIUM POTENCY</b>				
hydrocortisone butyrate	0.1%	<b>Locoid</b>	crm, oint	
hydrocortisone probutate	0.1%	<b>Pandel</b>	crm	
hydrocortisone valerate	0.2%	—	crm, oint	
prednicarbate	0.1%	—	ointment	
triamcinolone acetonide	0.025%	—	crm, oint, lotion	
<b>LOW POTENCY</b>				
alclometasone dipropionate	0.05%	—	crm, oint	
desonide	0.05%	—	gel	
		<b>DesOwen</b>	crm	
		<b>Verdeso</b>	foam	
fluocinolone acetonide	0.01%	<b>Capex</b>	shampoo	
		<b>Derma-Smoother/FS</b>	oil	
		<b>Synalar</b>	soln	
<b>LOWEST POTENCY</b>				
hydrocortisone acetate	2.5%	<b>Analpram HC*</b>	crm, lotion	
		<b>Pramosone*</b>	crm, oint, lotion	
	1%	<b>Analpram HC*</b>	crm	
		<b>Epifoam*</b>	foam	
		<b>Pramosone*</b>	crm, oint, lotion	
<b>Proctofoam HC*</b>	foam			
hydrocortisone base	2.5%	—	crm, oint, lotion	
		<b>Texacort</b>	soln	
	1%	—	crm, oint, lotion	

## NOTES

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

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.

Not an inclusive list of medications or dosing details. Please see drug monograph at [www.eMPR.com](http://www.eMPR.com) and/or contact company for full drug labeling.

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