



Topical Corticosteroid Equivalency and IWK Product Selection

Available Options*		IWK Formulary		
Steroid Generic Name		Steroid	Dosage Forms Size**	Stock / Order as Needed (OAN)
Very High Potency (typically classified as I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% <i>with propylene glycol</i> lotion/ointment (as <i>Diprolene</i> or <i>equiv.</i>) Clobetasol propionate 0.05% Halobetasol propionate 0.05% 	Clobetasol propionate 0.05%	Cream 15 g	OAN
			Ointment 50 g	OAN
			Scalp application 60 mL	OAN
High Potency (typically classified as II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amcinonide 0.1% Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% <i>with propylene glycol</i> cream Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% ointment Desoximetasone 0.25% Fluocinonide 0.05% (as <i>Lidex</i> or <i>equiv.</i>) 	Betamethasone <u>dipropionate</u> 0.05%	Cream (with propylene glycol) 15 g	Stock
			Ointment (without propylene glycol) 15 g	Stock
Medium Potency (typically classified as III, IV, or V)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% <i>without propylene glycol</i> cream/ lotion Betamethasone valerate 0.05% & 0.1% Clobetasone butyrate 0.05% Desoximetasone 0.05% Fluocinonide 0.05% (as <i>Lidemol</i> or <i>equiv.</i>) Fluocinolone acetonide 0.025% Hydrocortisone valerate 0.2% Mometasone furoate 0.1% Prednicarbate 0.1% Triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% cream/ointment/paste and 0.5% cream 	Betamethasone <u>valerate</u> 0.05% or 0.1%	0.05% Cream 454 g	OAN
			0.05% Ointment 454 g	OAN
			0.1% Scalp Lotion 75 mL	Stock
			0.1% Cream 15 g	Stock
			0.1% Ointment 454 g	OAN
Low potency (typically classified as VI, VII)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desonide 0.05% Fluocinolone acetonide 0.01% Hydrocortisone 0.5% & 1% Hydrocortisone acetate 0.5% & 1% 	Hydrocortisone 0.5% or 1%	0.5% Cream 15 g	Stock
			0.5% Ointment 15 g	OAN
			1% Cream 15 g & 454 g	Stock
			1% Ointment 454 g	OAN

* While every effort has been made to ensure this chart is current, please refer to [RxTx \(e-CPS\)](#) or [Pharmacist's Letter](#) for most current info.

Available topical steroids in Canada are constantly changing.

**If other dosage forms/sizes required, follow the non formulary process