



Fee-for Service PA Criteria

Drug	Clobetasol Foam 0.05%
AVAILABLE AS	Olux, Olux E, Olux-E Complete Pack and generic clobetasol foam
Medication Class	topical corticosteroid- very high potency
DFC review date	02/02/09

Both Brand and generic formulations of Clobetasol Foam are prior authorized
Clobetasol foam is available as both brand and generic.
Olux-E is available only as a branded product.

Brand Names	Generic name
Clobex	clobetasol propionate
Olux	
Olux-Olux-E	
Olux-E	

Criteria:

- Patient is 12 years of age or older
- Patient has a clinically documented corticosteroid-responsive dermatoses (e.g., atopic dermatitis, plaque psoriasis, eczema)
- Must have tried for a minimum of 2 weeks and failed a less potent corticosteroid and at least one other very high potency corticosteroid (see Addendum)

OR

- Have dermatoses of the scalp and other dosage forms (solution, shampoo) have not been effective

Maximum 100 grams allowed per prescription

- Total dosage should not exceed 50 gm per week because of the potential for the drug to suppress the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis.
- Maximum duration of therapy should not exceed 2 consecutive weeks. In a controlled pharmacokinetic study, some subjects experienced reversible suppression of the adrenal glands following 14 days of Olux Foam therapy.

Rationale

Clobetasol propionate foam, either brand or generic, is the most expensive very high potency corticosteroid by about 20 times.

Addendum Topical Corticosteroid Comparison

GENERIC NAME	COMPARES TO
	CLASS 1 – Very High Potency
Betamethasone dipropionate	Diprolene Ointment, 0.05%
Clobetasol propionate	Clobex Lotion/Spray/Shampoo, 0.05% Cormax Cream/Solution, 0.05% Olux E Foam, 0.05%, Olux Foam, 0.05%;-- prior authorized Temovate Cream/Ointment/Solution, 0.05%
Diflorasone diacetate	Psorcon ointment, 0.05%; Psorcon E ointment, 0.05%
Fluocinonide	Vanos Cream, 0.1%
Halobetasol propionate	Ultravate Cream/Ointment, 0.05%
	CLASS 2 - Potent
Betamethasone dipropionate	Diprolene Cream AF, 0.05%
Desoximetasone	Topicort Cream/Ointment, 0.25%; Topicort Gel, 0.05%
Diflorasone diacetate	Florone Ointment, 0.05%; Psorcon Cream 0.05%
Fluocinonide	Lidex Cream/Gel/Ointment, 0.05%
Halcinonide	Halog Ointment/Cream, 0.1%
Mometasone furoate	Elocon Ointment, 0.1%
	CLASS 3- Upper Mid-Strength
Betamethasone valerate	Luxiq Foam, 0.12%
Desoximetasone	Topicort LP Cream, 0.05%
Fluocinonide	Lidex-E Cream, 0.05%
Fluticasone propionate	Cutivate Ointment, 0.005%
	CLASS 4 – Mid Strength
Fluocinolone acetonide	Synalar Ointment, 0.03%
Flurandrenolide	Cordran Ointment, 0.05%
Hydrocortisone valerate	Westcort Ointment, 0.2%
Mometasone furoate	Elocon Cream, 0.1%
Triamcinolone acetonide	Kenalog Cream/Spray, 0.1%
	CLASS 5 – Lower Mid Strength
Desonide	DesOwen Lotion, 0.05%
Fluocinolone acetonide	Capex Shampoo, 0.01%; Synalar Cream, 0.03/0.01%
Flurandrenolide	Cordran Cream/Lotion/Tape, 0.05%
Fluticasone propionate	Cutivate Cream/Lotion, 0.05%
Hydrocortisone	Locoid Cream/Lotion/Ointment/Solution, 0.1%; generics
Hydrocortisone valerate	Westcort Cream, 0.2%
Prednicarbate	DermAtop Cream, 0.1%
	CLASS 6 -Mild
Alclometasone dipropionate	Aclovate Cream/Ointment, 0.05%
Desonide	Desonate gel, 0.05%
Desonide	Verdeso Foam, 0.05%
Fluocinolone acetonide	Derma-Smoothe/FS Oil, 0.01%; Synalar Cream/Solution, 0.01%

Least potent not listed