

SPECIALS FACTSHEET

Dear GP & Pharmacist

Your patient was reviewed by a dermatologist at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and has been prescribed: **Beclometasone dipropionate 0.0025% in white soft paraffin x 100g**

The instructions for use will be documented on the patient's prescription/discharge letter. This is an unlicensed 'special' available from 'special order' manufacturers and licensed hospital manufacturing units.

Indication

Please refer to the patient's dermatology clinic letter for the indication for this treatment.

Rationale for use over other products

This product is effective for patients with moderate widespread or diffuse eczematous conditions who require a steroid preparation under occlusion with wet wraps. It can be safely applied to large areas due to the dilution of the steroid with white soft paraffin. There are no equivalent licensed products available.

Duration of use

The frequency and length of treatment advised will depend on the patient's presentation on the day. For example, the patient could require once daily application for 6 weeks or 3 times a week under wraps for 3 months until review at next clinic appointment. Treatment should be stopped once the desired improvement has been achieved. Patients often use this treatment for prolonged periods or sporadically in episodes of flare.

Monthly quantities to be prescribed

This will depend of the nature of the patient's condition and the size of the area being wet wrapped. On average a patient would go through 4 x 100g tubs per month.

Practical tips regarding application

Usually used for wet wraps – applied to skin and then bandages placed on top. Sometimes it may be used after washing with an emollient.

Further supplies

For ongoing supplies, this treatment is manufactured and distributed by Guy's manufacturing unit who can be contacted as per below for product information (e.g. cost, how to order and estimated delivery time).

Ordering processing service Pharmacy production unit Pharmacy Guy's Hospital Great Maze Pond London SE1 9RT	Tel: 020 7188 4992 Fax: 020 7188 5013 Opening hours: 9am – 5pm Monday - Friday
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For further information on specials recommended by the British Association of Dermatologists for Skin Disease, including information on all licensed NHS hospital manufacturing units please see: www.bad.org.uk/specials