

## 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: **Monobenzene 20% in cetomacrogol A cream x 75g**

**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

Monobenzene 20% in cetomacrogol A cream is a depigmenting cream often used in vitiligo. It is used to create even skin colour for patients with prominent, widespread depigmentation where the use of camouflage products would be impractical or ineffective. There is no other product that is effective for depigmentation therapy in severe vitiligo.

### Duration of use

Generally a 4-5 month course is prescribed but in most patients the pigmentation recurs and repeated or continual courses may be required.

### Monthly quantities to be prescribed

This will depend on the size of the area being treated but one to two 75g containers per month should be sufficient.

### Practical tips regarding application

Apply daily to the affected area(s) at night. If the patient experiences local irritation after application, this may be reduced to alternate nights. If patients cannot tolerate this reduced dose then treatment should be stopped.

### 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](http://www.bad.org.uk/specials)