

Coventry & Rugby CCG Preferred Prescribing List (PPL) for Emollients

Coventry & Warwickshire
Area Prescribing Committee

Resource Document

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Adults with moderate to severe eczema may require up to 4 x 500g of cream / ointment each month (2 x 500g for children)

Review patients applying emollients only for cosmetic use

Product	Pack Size	Cost Price per 100g or mL	Notes
Lotions			
Cetraben Lotion®	500 mL 200 mL	£1.13 £2.00	❖ May be used as an alternative to Aveeno Cream and Lotion®
Creams			
Aquamax Cream®	500g 100g	£0.80 £1.89	❖ Avoid Aqueous Cream as it may cause skin reactions ❖ Aquamax Cream® can be used as a wash ❖ Zerobase Cream® is similar to Diprobase Cream® but is less expensive ❖ Zerocream Emollient® is similar to E45 Cream® but is less expensive
QV Cream®	500g 100g	£1.18 £2.06	
Zerobase Cream®	500g 50g	£1.05 £2.08	
Zeocream Emollient®	500g 50g	£0.82 £2.34	
Cetraben Cream®	500g	£1.20	
Ointments			
Hydromol Ointment®	500g 125g	£0.98 £2.30	❖ High paraffin content (high fire risk) ❖ Useful for very dry and thickened skin ❖ Twice daily application may be sufficient
Cetraben Ointment®	450g	£1.20	
Emollients with Antimicrobials			
Dermol Cream®	100g	£2.86	❖ Avoid long term use (NICE CG57) ❖ Reserve for decreasing bacterial load in recurrent infected atopic eczema
Dermol 500 Lotion®	500 mL	£1.21	
Emollients with Urea			
ImuDERM Urea Emollient® [urea 5% & glycerin 5%]	500g	£1.30	❖ Non-paraffin products ❖ Suitable for patients with dry, scaling and itching skin
Balneum Cream® [urea 5% & ceramide 0.1%]	500g	£1.99	
Bath & Shower Emollient Products			
Dermalo Bath Emollient®	500 mL	£0.69	❖ Can be applied before bathing, showering or washing over the skin while in the water ❖ A maximum of 500ml per month ❖ Advise to continue using standard emollients
Aquamax Wash®	250g	£1.20	
QV Gentle Wash®	500 mL	£1.06	
Hydromol Bath & Shower	500 mL	£0.88	
Bath & Shower Emollient Products with Antimicrobials			
Dermol 600 Bath Emollient®	600 mL	£1.26	❖ Avoid long term use (NICE CG57) ❖ Reserve for decreasing bacterial load in recurrent infected atopic eczema
Oilatum Plus Bath Additive®	500 mL	£1.40	
Dermol 200 Shower Emollient®	200 mL	£1.78	

Prices listed have been taken from the Drug Tariff August 2016 and EMIS

Notes

- ❖ An NPSA alert 2007 highlighted the potential fire risk with topical administration of paraffin based products
- ❖ Patients should be told to keep away from open or gas fires or hobs and naked flames, including candles etc and not to smoke when using these paraffin containing preparations
- ❖ Patients on medical oxygen who require an emollient should not use paraffin based products

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