



Topical Corticosteroid Potencies & Fingertip Units Table

Class 1 – Highest Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
<u>betamethasone dipropionate augmented</u> <i>generic</i> (gel, lotion, ointment) <i>Diprolene</i> (lotion, ointment)	0.05%
<u>clobetasol</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, foam, gel, lotion, ointment, shampoo, solution, spray) <i>Clobex</i> (lotion, shampoo, spray) <i>Cormax</i> (brand discontinued) <i>Embeline</i> (brand discontinued) <i>Impeklo</i> (lotion) <i>Olux</i> (foam) <i>Olux-E</i> (foam) <i>Temovate</i> (brand discontinued) <i>Temovate E</i> (brand discontinued)	0.05%
<u>fluocinonide</u> <i>generic</i> (cream) <i>Vanos</i> (cream)	0.1%
<u>flurandrenolide</u> <i>Cordran</i> (tape)	4 mcg/cm ²
<u>halobetasol</u> <i>Bryhali</i> (lotion) <u>combo w/ tazarotene</u> <i>Duobrii</i> (lotion)	0.01%
<i>generic</i> (cream, ointment) <i>Lexette</i> (foam) <i>Ultravate</i> (lotion)	0.05%

Class 2 – High Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
<u>amcinonide</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment)	0.1%
<u>betamethasone dipropionate</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment)	0.05%
<u>combo w/ calcipotriene</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment, suspension) <i>Enstilar</i> (foam) <i>Taclonex</i> (ointment, suspension)	0.064%
<u>betamethasone dipropionate augmented</u> <i>generic</i> (cream) <i>Diprolene AF</i> (cream)	0.05%
<u>clobetasol</u> <i>Impoyz</i> (cream)	0.025%
<u>desoximetasone</u> <i>generic</i> (gel) <i>Topicort</i> (gel)	0.05%
<i>generic</i> (cream, ointment, spray) <i>Topicort</i> (cream, ointment, spray)	0.25%
<u>diflorasone</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment) <i>ApexiCon</i> (brand discontinued) <i>ApexiCon E</i> (emollient cream) <i>Psorcon E</i> (brand discontinued)	0.05%
<u>fluocinonide</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, gel, ointment, solution)	0.05%
<u>halcinonide</u> <i>generic</i> (cream) <i>Halog</i> (cream)	0.1%
<u>mometasone</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment)	0.1%
<u>triamcinolone</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment)	0.5%

Class 3 – High/Medium Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
<u>amcinonide</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, lotion)	0.1%
<u>betamethasone dipropionate</u> <i>generic</i> (cream) <i>Sernivo</i> (spray) <u>combo w/ clotrimazole</u> <i>generic</i> (cream) <i>Lotrisone</i> (cream)	0.05%
<u>combo w/ calcipotriene</u> <i>Wynzora</i> (cream)	0.064%
<u>betamethasone valerate</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment)	0.1%
<u>diflorasone</u> <i>generic</i> (cream)	0.05%
<u>fluocinonide</u> <i>generic</i> (emollient cream) <i>Lidex-E</i> (brand discontinued)	0.05%
<u>fluticasone propionate</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment)	0.005%
<u>halcinonide</u> <i>Halog</i> (ointment)	0.1%
<u>triamcinolone</u> <u>combo w/ nystatin</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment)	0.1%
<i>generic</i> (cream)	0.5%

Class 4 – Medium Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
<u>betamethasone valerate</u> <i>generic</i> (foam) <i>Luxiq</i> (foam)	0.12%
<u>clocortolone</u> <i>generic</i> (cream) <i>Cloderm</i> (cream)	0.1%
<u>desoximetasone</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, ointment) <i>Topicort</i> (ointment) <i>Topicort LP</i> (cream)	0.05%
<u>fluocinolone</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment) <i>Synalar</i> (ointment)	0.025%
<u>flurandrenolide</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment) <i>Cordran</i> (ointment)	0.05%
<u>hydrocortisone valerate</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment) <i>Westcort</i> (brand discontinued)	0.2%
<u>mometasone</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, lotion) <i>Elocon</i> (cream)	0.1%
<u>prednicarbate</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment) <i>Dermatop</i> (brand discontinued)	0.1%
<u>triamcinolone</u> <i>generic</i> (spray) <i>Kenalog</i> (spray)	0.0147%
<i>generic</i> (ointment) <i>Trianex</i> (ointment)	0.05%
<i>generic</i> (ointment) <u>combo w/ nystatin</u> <i>generic</i> (cream)	0.1%

Class 5 – Medium/Low Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
<u>alclometasone</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, ointment) <i>Aclovate</i> (brand discontinued)	0.05%
<u>betamethasone dipropionate</u> <i>generic</i> (lotion) <u>combo w/ clotrimazole</u> <i>generic</i> (lotion) <i>Lotrisone</i> (lotion)	0.05%
<u>betamethasone valerate</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, lotion)	0.1%
<u>desonide</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment) <i>Desowen</i> (ointment)	0.05%
<u>fluocinolone</u> <i>Capex</i> (shampoo)	0.01%
<i>generic</i> (cream) <i>Synalar</i> (cream)	0.025%
<u>flurandrenolide</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, lotion) <i>Cordran</i> (cream, lotion) <i>Cordran SP</i> (brand discontinued)	0.05%
<u>fluticasone propionate</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, lotion) <i>Cutivate</i> (cream, lotion)	0.05%
<u>hydrocortisone butyrate</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, emollient cream, lotion, ointment, solution) <i>Locoid</i> (cream, lotion, ointment, solution) <i>Locoid Lipocream</i> (emollient cream)	0.1%
<u>hydrocortisone valerate</u> <i>generic</i> (cream) <i>Westcort</i> (brand discontinued)	0.2%
<u>prednicarbate</u> <i>generic</i> (cream) <i>Dermatop</i> (brand discontinued)	0.1%
<u>triamcinolone</u> <i>generic</i> (ointment)	0.025%
<i>generic</i> (cream, lotion)	0.1%

Class 6 – Low Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
<u>desonide</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, gel, lotion) <i>Desonate</i> (gel) <i>Desowen</i> (cream, lotion) <i>LoKara</i> (brand discontinued) <i>Tridesilon</i> (cream) <i>Verdeso</i> (foam)	0.05%
<u>fluocinolone</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, solution, oil) <i>Derma-Smoothe/FS</i> (oil) <i>Synalar</i> (solution) <u>combo w/ hydroquinone/tretinoin</u> <i>Tri-Luma</i> (cream)	0.01%
<u>triamcinolone</u> <i>generic</i> (cream, lotion)	0.025%

Class 7 – Lowest Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
<p>hydrocortisone <i>generic</i> (cream, ointment) <i>OTCs</i> (cream, ointment) combo w/ neomycin/polymyxin B <i>Cortisporin Cream</i> (cream) combo w/ lidocaine <i>generic</i> (cream)</p>	0.5%
<p>hydrocortisone <i>generic</i> (cream, lotion, ointment) <i>Hytone</i> (brand discontinued) <i>Proctocort Cream</i> (cream) <i>OTCs</i> (cream, gel, lotion, ointment, solution) combo w/ acyclovir <i>Xerese</i> (cream) combo w/ bacitracin/neomycin/polymyxin B <i>Cortisporin Ointment</i> (ointment) combo w/ lidocaine <i>generic</i> (cream) combo w/ pramoxine <i>generic</i> (cream) <i>Analpram HC</i> (cream) <i>Pramosone</i> (cream, lotion, ointment) <i>Proctofoam HC</i> (foam) combo w/ urea <i>U-Cort</i> (cream)</p>	1%
<p>hydrocortisone <i>generic</i> (cream, lotion, solution) <i>Anusol-HC Cream</i> (cream) <i>Hytone</i> (brand discontinued) <i>Texacort</i> (solution) combo w/ lidocaine <i>generic</i> (gel) combo w/ pramoxine <i>generic</i> (cream) <i>Analpram HC</i> (cream, lotion) <i>Pramosone</i> (cream, lotion, ointment) <i>Pramosone E</i> (cream)</p>	2.5%



Topical Corticosteroids Fingertip Units Table

patient age	quantity in a fingertip unit (FTU)
adult male	1 FTU = 0.5 g
adult female	1 FTU = 0.4 g
child aged 4 yo	approx 1/3 of adult amount
infant 6 mo – 1 yo	approx 1/4 of adult amount
body part	amount of topical steroid to use
one hand	apply 1 FTU
one foot	apply 2 FTU
one arm	apply 3 FTU
one leg	apply 6 FTU
face & neck	apply 2.5 FTU
trunk, front & back	apply 14 FTU
entire body	apply 40 FTU

source: <https://www.dermnetnz.org/topics/fingertip-unit/>