



Topical Corticosteroid Potencies & Fingertip Units Table

Class 1 – Highest Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
betamethasone dipropionate augmented gel, lotion, ointment	0.05%
clobetasol cream, foam, gel, lotion, ointment, shampoo, solution, spray	0.05%
fluocinonide cream	0.1%
flurandrenolide tape	4 mcg/cm ²
halobetasol cream, foam, lotion, ointment	0.05%

Class 2 – High Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
amcinonide ointment	0.1%
betamethasone dipropionate ointment	0.05%
betamethasone dipropionate augmented cream	0.05%
clobetasol cream	0.025%
desoximetasone gel	0.05%
cream, ointment, spray	0.25%
diflorasone emollient cream, ointment	0.05%
fluocinonide cream, gel, ointment, solution	0.05%
halcinonide cream, solution	0.1%
halobetasol lotion	0.01%

Class 3 – High/Medium Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
<u>amcinonide</u> cream, lotion	0.1%
<u>betamethasone dipropionate</u> cream	0.05%
<u>betamethasone valerate</u> ointment	0.1%
foam	0.12%
<u>desoximetasone</u> cream, ointment	0.05%
<u>diflorasone</u> cream	0.05%
<u>fluocinonide</u> emollient cream	0.05%
<u>fluticasone propionate</u> ointment	0.005%
<u>mometasone</u> ointment	0.1%
<u>triamcinolone</u> cream, ointment	0.5%

Class 4 – Medium Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
<u>betamethasone dipropionate</u> spray	0.05%
<u>clocortolone</u> cream	0.1%
<u>fluocinolone</u> ointment	0.025%
<u>flurandrenolide</u> cream, lotion, ointment	0.05%
<u>fluticasone</u> cream	0.05%
<u>hydrocortisone valerate</u> ointment	0.2%
<u>mometasone</u> cream, lotion	0.1%
<u>triamcinolone</u> spray	0.0147%
ointment	0.05%
cream, ointment	0.1%

Class 5 – Medium/Low Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
betamethasone dipropionate lotion	0.05%
betamethasone valerate ointment	0.05%
cream	0.1%
desonide ointment	0.05%
fluocinolone cream	0.025%
fluticasone propionate lotion	0.05%
hydrocortisone butyrate cream, emollient cream, lotion, ointment, solution	0.1%
hydrocortisone valerate cream	0.2%
prednicarbate cream, ointment	0.1%
triamcinolone ointment	0.025%
lotion	0.1%

Class 6 – Low Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
alclometasone cream, ointment	0.05%
betamethasone valerate lotion	0.1%
desonide cream, foam, gel, lotion	0.05%
fluocinolone body, oil, cream, scalp oil, solution	0.01%
triamcinolone cream, lotion	0.025%

Class 7 – Lowest Potency

topical drug name & dosage form	strength
hydrocortisone cream, ointment	0.5%
hydrocortisone cream, foam, gel, lotion, ointment	1%
hydrocortisone cream, lotion, ointment, solution	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/>