

Potency Ranking of Some Commonly Used Topical Corticosteroids

Potency Class	U.S. Brand Name	Generic name
I (Super-High) Temovate [®] Cream or Ointment is more potent than Diprolene [®] Cream or Ointment	Temovate [®] Ointment, 0.05% Temovate [®] Cream, 0.05% Temovate [®] E, 0.05% Diprolene [®] Ointment, 0.05% Diprolene [®] AF Cream, 0.05% Ultravate [®] Cream, 0.05% Ultravate [®] Ointment, 0.05%	clobetasol propionate clobetasol propionate clobetasol propionate betamethasone dipropionate betamethasone dipropionate halobetasol propionate halobetasol propionate
II	Cyclocort [®] Cream, 0.1% Cyclocort [®] Ointment, 0.1% Diprosone [®] Ointment, 0.05% Halog [®] Cream, 0.1% Halog [®] Ointment, 0.1% Lidex [®] Cream, 0.05% Lidex [®] Ointment, 0.05% Lidex-E [®] Cream, 0.05% Maxiflor [®] Ointment, 0.05% Maxivate [®] , Ointment 0.05% Synlar [®] HP 0.2% Topicort [®] Cream, 0.25% Topicort [®] Ointment, 0.25%	amcinonide amcinonide betamethasone dipropionate halcinonide halcinonide fluocinonide fluocinonide fluocinonide fluocinonide diflorasone diacetate betamethasone dipropionate fluocinolone acetonide desoximetasone desoximetasone
III	Various Generic Creams 0.5% Cloderm [®] Cream, 0.1% Cutivate [®] Ointment, 0.005% Diprosone [®] Cream, 0.05% Elocon [®] Ointment 0.1% Maxiflor [®] Cream, 0.05% Maxivate [®] Cream, 0.05% Beta-Val [®] Ointment, 0.1%	triamcinolone acetonide clocortolone pivalate fluticasone propionate betamethasone dipropionate mometasone furoate diflorasone diacetate betamethasone dipropionate betamethasone valerate
IV	Various Generic Ointments, 0.1% Cordran [®] Ointment, 0.05% Elocon [®] Cream, 0.1% Synalar [®] Ointment, 0.025% Topicort LP [®] Cream, 0.05%	triamcinolone acetonide flurandrenolide mometasone furoate fluocinolone acetonide desoximetasone
V	Various Generic Creams, 0.1% Cordran [®] Cream, 0.05% Cutivate [®] Cream, 0.05% Dermatop [®] Cream, 0.1% Various Generic Ointments, 0.025% Locoid [®] Cream, 0.1% Synalar [®] Cream, 0.025% Beta-Val [®] Cream, 0.1% Westcort [®] Cream, 0.2% Westcort [®] Ointment, 0.2%	triamcinolone acetonide flurandrenolide fluticasone propionate prednicarbate triamcinolone acetonide hydrocortisone butyrate fluocinolone acetonide betamethasone valerate hydrocortisone valerate hydrocortisone valerate
VI	Aclovate [®] Cream, 0.05% Aclovate [®] Ointment, 0.05% DesOwen [®] /Generic Creams, 0.05%	alclometasone dipropionate alclometasone dipropionate desonide
VII (Low)	Numerous preparations exist	dexamethasone, hydrocortisone, methylprednisolone, prednisolone