

Preferred Unlicensed
Dermatological Preparations
(Specials)
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Preface

The BAD, through its Therapy & Guidelines subcommittee and Honorary Secretaries, has been working together with the Department of Health over the past five years to modernise the way unlicensed medicines are manufactured and supplied within NHS hospitals. This followed a comprehensive risk assessment of the manufacturing service.

The primary aims of this modernisation were to ensure quality and safety in the use of these 'special manufacture' medicines ('Specials') across all disciplines (approximately a third of 'Specials' produced within the NHS are for Dermatology), to develop a cohesive national manufacturing service and to oversee investment and future development of the service.

Following a consultation process with the membership of the BAD, the updated working list of 'Specials' for Dermatology has been drawn up. It is important to stress that this 'Specials' list will continue to evolve - new products, new vehicles, and new indications for existing treatments will emerge and will be considered for inclusion; products that become available through the commercial sector may be removed. There will be a greater emphasis on proving a rationale, a need, clinical safety and manufacturing issues such as shelf-life for new agents, but there will be greater input into appropriate research by the NHS. The advantage of using the items on this preferred list will be in availability (hospital pharmacists, and PCT chief pharmacists, will be able to locate supplies and their cost by computer nationally), avoidance of inappropriate pricing and having early indications of any supply problems. Those involved with this process would therefore encourage use of the agents suggested.

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List of Unlicensed Dermatological Preparations

Product	Form	Strength
Emollients & Barriers		
Emulsifying Ointment & Aqueous Cream		50/50
Propylene glycol in Aqueous Cream	Cream	20%
Propylene glycol in Aqueous Cream	Cream	40%
Propylene glycol in Water	Solution	50%
White soft paraffin in Liquid Paraffin		50%
Topical steroids		
<i>Plain steroids</i>		
Dermovate in White Soft Paraffin	Ointment	25%
Dermovate in Unguentum M	Cream	10%
Beclomethasone Dipropionate in White Soft Paraffin	Ointment	0.00025%
<i>Steroids with propylene glycol</i>		
Propylene glycol in Dermovate	Cream	40%
<i>Steroids plus other drugs</i>		
Coal Tar Solution in ¼ Strength Betnovate	Ointment	5%
Coal Tar Solution in ¼ Strength Betnovate	Ointment	10%
Hydrocortisone, sulphur, salicylic acid in Unguentum M	Cream	each 1%

Product	Form	Strength
Tars		
Cade Oil 12% & Salicylic Acid 6% in Emulsifying Ointment	Ointment	
Cade Oil 6% & Salicylic Acid 3% in Emulsifying Ointment	Ointment	
Cade Oil Pomade	Scalp cream	6%
Cade Oil in Olive Oil	Scalp lotion	10%
Coal Tar Pomade	Scalp cream	6%
Coal Tar Solution in Yellow Soft Paraffin	Ointment	2%
Coal Tar Solution in Yellow Soft Paraffin	Ointment	6%
Coal Tar, Crude 1% with Salicylic Acid 2% in Emulsifying Ointment	Ointment	
Coal Tar, Crude 2% with Salicylic Acid 2% in Emulsifying Ointment	Ointment	
Coal Tar, Crude 5% with Salicylic Acid 2% in Emulsifying Ointment	Ointment	
Coal Tar, Crude 10% with Salicylic Acid 2% in Emulsifying Ointment	Ointment	
Coal Tar, Crude 20% with Salicylic Acid 2% in Emulsifying Ointment	Ointment	
Coal Tar, Crude, Zinc Oxide 15% in Soft Paraffin	Ointment	1%
Coal Tar, Crude, Zinc Oxide 15% in Soft Paraffin	Ointment	2%
Coal Tar, Crude, Zinc Oxide 15% in Soft Paraffin	Ointment	5%
Coal Tar, Crude, Zinc Oxide 15% in Soft Paraffin	Ointment	10%
Coal Tar, Crude, Zinc Oxide 15% in Soft Paraffin	Ointment	20%
Coal Tar, crude, in YSP	Ointment	1%
Coal Tar, crude, in YSP	Ointment	2%
Coal Tar, crude, in YSP	Ointment	5%
Coal Tar, crude, in YSP	Ointment	10%
Coal Tar, crude, in YSP	Ointment	20%
Ichthammol 1% and Zinc Oxide 15% in YSP	Ointment	
Ichthammol 2% and Zinc Oxide 15% in YSP	Ointment	
Ichthammol 5% and Zinc Oxide 15% in YSP	Ointment	
Ichthammol 10% and Zinc Oxide 15% in YSP	Ointment	
Ichthammol in Glycerol of Starch BP		10%

Product	Form	Strength
Dithranol preparations		
Dithranol in Emulsifying Ointment with Salicylic Acid 2%	Ointment	0.1%
Dithranol in Emulsifying Ointment with Salicylic Acid 2%	Ointment	0.25%
Dithranol in Emulsifying Ointment with Salicylic Acid 2%	Ointment	0.5%
Dithranol in Emulsifying Ointment with Salicylic Acid 2%	Ointment	1%
Dithranol in Emulsifying Ointment with Salicylic Acid 2%	Ointment	2%
Dithranol in Emulsifying Ointment with Salicylic Acid 2%	Ointment	4%
Dithranol in Emulsifying Ointment with Salicylic Acid 2%	Ointment	8%
Dithranol in Emulsifying Ointment with Salicylic Acid 2%	Ointment	10%
Dithranol in Emulsifying Ointment with Salicylic Acid 2%	Ointment	15%
Dithranol in Emulsifying Ointment with Salicylic Acid 2%	Ointment	20%
Dithranol in Lassar's Paste	Ointment	0.10%
Dithranol in Lassar's Paste	Ointment	0.25%
Dithranol in Lassar's Paste	Ointment	0.50%
Dithranol in Lassar's Paste	Ointment	1%
Dithranol in Lassar's Paste	Ointment	2%
Dithranol in Lassar's Paste	Ointment	4%
Dithranol in Lassar's Paste	Ointment	8%
Dithranol in Lassar's Paste	Ointment	10%
Dithranol in Lassar's Paste	Ointment	15%
Dithranol in Lassar's Paste	Ointment	20%
Dithranol Pomade	Scalp cream	0.20%
Dithranol Pomade	Scalp cream	0.40%

Product	Form	Strength
Keratolytics		
Coconut Oil in Emulsifying Ointment	Ointment	25%
Coconut Oil compound	Ointment	25%
Salicylic Acid 0.5% and Sulphur 0.5% in Aqueous Cream	Cream	
Salicylic Acid 2% and Sulphur 2% in Aqueous Cream	Cream	
Salicylic Acid in Aqueous Cream	Cream	1%
Salicylic Acid in Aqueous Cream	Cream	2%
Salicylic Acid in Aqueous Cream	Cream	3%
Salicylic Acid in Aqueous Cream	Cream	5%
Salicylic Acid in Aqueous Cream	Cream	10%
Salicylic Acid in Aqueous Cream	Cream	20%
Salicylic Acid in WSP	Ointment	1%
Salicylic Acid in WSP	Ointment	2%
Salicylic Acid in WSP	Ointment	3%
Salicylic Acid in WSP	Ointment	5%
Salicylic Acid in WSP	Ointment	10%
Salicylic Acid in WSP	Ointment	20%
Salicylic Acid in WSP	Ointment	30%
Salicylic Acid in WSP	Ointment	50%
Salicylic Acid in WSP	Ointment	70%
Zinc and Salicylic Acid Paste (Lassar's Paste) Half-Strength		

Product	Form	Strength
Miscellaneous		
Diphencycloproprone in Acetone	Solution	Various
Eosin in Water (Sterile)	Solution	2%
Glycopyrollate in Water	Solution	0.05%
Glycopyrollate in Cetomacrogol	Cream	0.5%
Glycopyrollate in Cetomacrogol	Cream	1%
Glycopyrollate in Cetomacrogol	Cream	2%
Hydroquinone in Aqueous Cream *	Cream	4%
Hydroquinone 5%, Hydrocortisone 1%, Tretinoin 0.1% in Aqueous Cream *	Cream	
Menthol in Aqueous Cream	Cream	1%
Reflective (Dundee) Sunscreens – various shades		
Silver Nitrate	Solution	0.25%
Silver Nitrate	Solution	0.5%
Tacrolimus in Orabase	Ointment	0.10%
Tacrolimus in Orabase	Ointment	0.30%
Trichloroacetic Acid	Solution	25%
Trichloroacetic Acid	Solution	50%
Trichloroacetic Acid	Solution	90%
Trichloroacetic Acid	Solution	100%
Urea in Unguentum M	Cream	10%
Urea in Half Strength Lassar's Paste	Ointment	20%
Urea in Half Strength Lassar's Paste	Ointment	40%
Urea in WSP	Ointment	40%

Note: *For patients who experience a reaction, substitution of hydroquinone with benzoyl oxyphenol may be desirable

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