

**RELATIVE POTENCY OF SELECTED  
 TOPICAL CORTICOSTEROIDS**

CLASS*	DRUG
I	Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% ointment Clobetasol propionate 0.05% cream or ointment Diflorasone diacetate 0.05% ointment Halobetasol propionate 0.05% cream or ointment
II	Amcinonide 0.1% ointment Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% cream Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% ointment Desoximetasone 0.25% cream, 0.05% gel, or 0.25% ointment Diflorasone diacetate 0.05% ointment Fluocinonide 0.05% cream, gel, ointment, or solution Halcinonide 0.1% cream Mometasone furoate 0.1% ointment
III	Amcinonide 0.1% cream or lotion Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% cream Betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% lotion Betamethasone valerate 0.1% ointment Desoximetasone 0.05% cream Diflorasone diacetate 0.05% cream Fluocinonide 0.05% cream Fluticasone propionate 0.005% ointment Halcinonide 0.1% ointment or solution Triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% ointment
IV	Fluocinolone acetonide 0.025% ointment Flurandrenolide 0.05% ointment Mometasone furoate 0.1% cream or lotion Triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% ointment Triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% cream
V	Betamethasone valerate 0.1% cream Desonide 0.05% ointment Fluocinolone acetonide 0.025% cream Flurandrenolide 0.05% cream Fluticasone propionate 0.05% cream Hydrocortisone butyrate 0.1% cream, ointment, or solution Hydrocortisone valerate 0.2% cream or ointment Triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% lotion or 0.025% ointment
VI	Alclometasone dipropionate 0.05% cream or ointment Betamethasone valerate 0.1% lotion Desonide 0.05% cream Fluocinolone acetonide 0.01% cream or solution Flumethasone pivalate 0.03% cream Triamcinolone acetonide 0.1% cream Triamcinolone acetonide 0.025% cream or lotion
VII	Hydrocortisone 1% or 2.5% cream, 1% or 2.5% lotion, or 1% or 2.5% ointment Hydrocortisone acetate (1% or 2.5% cream, 1% or 2.5% lotion, or 1% or 2.5% ointment) and pramoxine hydrochloride 1%

\*Class I is the most potent, and class VII is the least potent. Potency depends on many factors, including the drug's characteristics and concentration and the base in which it is used.