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Generic name: [clobetasol topical](#) [*kloe-BAY-ta-sol*]

Brand names: Clobex, [Clodan](#), [Impoyz](#), [Olux](#), [Olux-E](#), [Temovate](#), [Tovet](#)

Drug class: [Topical steroids](#)



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What is Clobex?

[Clobetasol](#) is a highly potent steroid that helps reduce inflammation in the body.

Clobex (for the skin) is used to treat inflammation and [itching](#) caused by [plaque psoriasis](#) or [skin conditions](#) that respond to steroid medication.

Clobex may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Clobex side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction**: hives; difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Clobex may cause serious side effects. Call your doctor at once if you have:

- worsening of your skin condition;
- redness, warmth, swelling, oozing, or severe irritation of any treated skin;
- blurred vision, tunnel vision, eye pain, or seeing halos around lights;
- **high blood sugar**--increased thirst, increased urination, [dry mouth](#), fruity breath odor; or
- **possible signs of absorbing Clobex through your skin**--weight gain in your face and shoulders, slow wound healing, skin discoloration, thinning skin, increased body hair, tiredness, mood changes, menstrual changes, sexual changes.

Common side effects of Clobex may include:

- burning, itching, swelling, or irritation of treated skin;
- dry or cracking skin;
- redness or crusting around your hair follicles;

- spider veins;
- stretch marks, thinning skin;
- [rash](#) or hives;
- acne; or
- temporary [hair loss](#).

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

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Follow all directions on your medicine label and package. Tell each of your healthcare providers about all your medical conditions, allergies, and all medicines you use.

Before taking this medicine

You should not use Clobex if you are allergic to it.

Tell your doctor if you have ever had:

- any type of [skin infection](#);
- a skin reaction to any steroid medicine;
- [liver disease](#); or
- an adrenal gland disorder.

Steroid medicines can increase the [glucose](#) (sugar) levels in your blood or urine. Tell your doctor if you have [diabetes](#).

It is not known whether Clobex will harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant.

It may not be safe to breastfeed while using this medicine. Ask your doctor about any risk. If you apply clobetasol to your chest, avoid areas that may come into contact with the baby's mouth.

Clobex is not approved for use by anyone younger than 12 years old. **Some brands or forms of this medicine are for use only in adults 18 and over.**

Children can absorb larger amounts of this medicine through the skin and may be more likely to have side effects.

How should I use Clobex?

Follow all directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides or instruction sheets. Use the medicine exactly as directed.

Do not take by mouth. Topical medicine is for use only on the skin. **Rinse with water if this medicine gets in your eyes or mouth.**

Do not use Clobex on broken or infected skin. Also avoid using this medicine in open wounds.

Wash your hands before and after using clobetasol, unless you are using the medicine to treat the skin on your hands.

Apply a thin layer of medicine to the affected skin and rub it in gently. **Do not apply this medicine over a large area of skin unless your doctor has told you to.**

Do not cover the treated skin area with a bandage or other covering unless your doctor tells you to. Covering treated areas can increase the amount of medicine absorbed through your skin and may cause harmful effects.

If you are treating the diaper area, do not use plastic pants or tight-fitting diapers.

This medicine is for short-term use only (2 weeks, or up to 4 weeks for scalp [psoriasis](#)). **Follow your doctor's dosing instructions very carefully.**

If you use clobetasol to treat plaque psoriasis, you should stop using the medicine once your skin symptoms are controlled.

Call your doctor if your symptoms do not improve, or if they get worse.

You should not stop using clobetasol suddenly. Follow your doctor's instructions about tapering your dose.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat. Keep from freezing.

Clobetasol **foam** is flammable. Do not use near high heat or open flame. Do not smoke until the foam has completely dried on your skin.

 [Detailed Clobex dosage information](#)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Apply the medicine as soon as you can, but skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next dose. **Do not** apply two doses at one time.

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222 if anyone has accidentally swallowed the medication.

High doses or long-term use of Clobex can lead to thinning skin, easy bruising, changes in body fat (especially in your face, neck, back, and waist), increased acne or facial hair, menstrual problems, [impotence](#), or loss of interest in

sex.

What should I avoid while using clobetasol topical?

Avoid applying Clobex to your face, underarms, or groin area.

Do not use this medicine to treat any condition that has not been checked by your doctor.

Avoid using other topical steroid medications on the areas you treat with clobetasol unless your doctor tells you to.

What other drugs will affect Clobex?

Medicine used on the skin is not likely to be affected by other drugs you use. But many drugs can interact with each other. Tell each of your health care providers about all medicines you use, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#).

 [Clobex drug interactions](#) (more detail)

Does Clobex interact with my other drugs?

Enter medications to view a detailed interaction report using our [Drug Interaction Checker](#).









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Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use this medication only for the indication prescribed.

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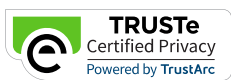
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