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Generic name: [hydrocortisone topical](#) [*hye-droe-KOR-ti-sone*]**Brand names:** [Ala-Cort](#), [Beta HC](#), [Caldecort](#), [Cortizone-10](#), [Dermtex HC](#), ... [show all 14 brands](#)**Drug class:** [Topical steroids](#)[Medically reviewed](#) by Drugs.com on Dec 21, 2023. Written by [Cerner Multum](#).[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Warnings](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [Interactions](#)

What is Cortizone-10?

Cortizone-10 (for the skin) is a steroid medicine that is used to treat inflammation and [itching](#) caused by [skin conditions](#) that respond to steroid medication.

There are many brands and forms of [hydrocortisone](#) topical available. Not all brands are listed on this medication guide.

Cortizone-10 may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Cortizone-10 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.

Side effects can occur if your skin absorbs topical steroid medicine. Tell your doctor if you have:

- swelling, weight gain (especially in your face or your upper back and torso);
- thinning skin, stretch marks, acne, increased facial hair;
- irregular menstrual periods, changes in sexual function; or
- memory problems, feeling irritable.

Cortizone-10 may cause serious side effects. Call your doctor at once if you have:

- worsening of your skin condition;
- pain, tenderness, [headache](#);
- blurred vision, eye pain or redness, seeing halos around lights;
- **high blood sugar**--increased thirst, increased urination, [dry mouth](#), fruity breath odor; or
- **increased adrenal gland hormones**--hunger, weight gain, swelling, skin discoloration, slow wound healing, [sweating](#), acne, increased body hair, tiredness, mood changes, muscle weakness, missed menstrual periods, sexual

changes.

Children can absorb larger amounts of Cortizone-10 through the skin and may be more likely to have side effects.

Common side effects of Cortizone-10 may include:

- skin redness, itching, stinging, [rash](#);
- redness or crusting around your hair follicles;
- burning, dryness, or other irritation of treated skin;
- rash, redness, itching, or irritation around your mouth;
- appearance and color changes in treated skin;
- signs of [skin infection](#) (swelling, redness, warmth, oozing); o
- numbness, tingling, or burning pain.

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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Warnings

Use only as directed. Tell your doctor if you use other medicines or have other medical conditions or allergies.

Before taking this medicine

You should not use Cortizone-10 if you are allergic to it.

Tell your doctor if you have or have ever had:

- any type of skin [infection](#);
- a skin reaction to any steroid medicine;
- [cataract](#) or [glaucoma](#);
- thinning of the skin where you will apply Cortizone-10;
- problems with your adrenal gland; or
- [liver disease](#).

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

It is not known if Cortizone-10 will harm an unborn baby. Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

Ask a doctor if it is safe to breastfeed while using this medicine.

Do not give this medicine to a child without medical advice.

How should I use Cortizone-10?

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.

Wash your hands before and after applying this medicine, unless you are using it to treat a hand condition.

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 treated skin with a bandage unless your doctor tells you to.

Shake hydrocortisone **lotion** and **spray** well just before each use.

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

You may need medical tests to be sure this medicine is not causing harmful effects.

You may need blood or urine tests while using this medicine.

Stop using hydrocortisone and call your doctor if your symptoms do not improve after using this medicine for 7 days, or if your symptoms get worse or get better and then come back in a few days.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat. Do not freeze. Keep the bottle tightly closed when not in use.

Store the **foam** canister away from open flame or high heat. Do not puncture or burn an empty canister.

 [Detailed Cortizone-10 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 medicine.

High doses or long-term use of Cortizone-10 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 hydrocortisone topical?

Do not use Cortizone-10 to treat any skin condition that has not been checked by your doctor.

Avoid applying Cortizone-10 to the skin of your face, underarms, or groin area unless your doctor has told you to.

Avoid using other medications on the areas you treat with Cortizone-10, unless your doctor tells you to.

Do not get Cortizone-10 in your eyes. If contact does occur, rinse with water.

What other drugs will affect Cortizone-10?

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

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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.

Always consult your healthcare provider to ensure the information displayed on this page applies to your personal circumstances.

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OTC Over the counter

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 Risk data available

CSA Schedule*

N/A Not a controlled drug



WADA Class

 Anti-Doping Classification

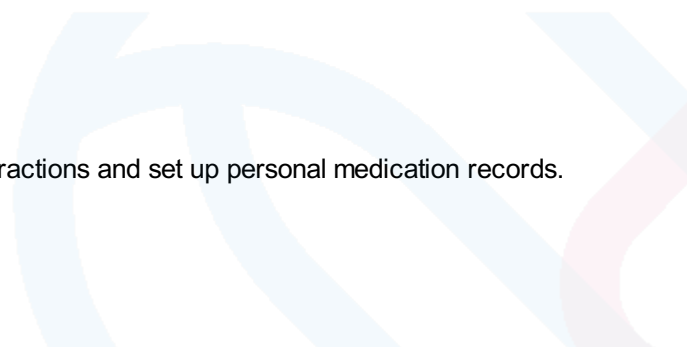


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