

**c. Preservative**

The product contains no additional preservative (apart from any preservative already present within the Betnovate Ointment).

**d. Flavouring when appropriate**

Ointments are for external use and so no flavouring is required.

The following method would be used to prepare 50 g of Salicylic Acid BP 2% in Betnovate Ointment from the formula above:

1. Weigh 1 g Salicylic Acid BP on a Class II or electronic balance.
2. Transfer to a glass mortar and grind with a pestle to reduce any lumps in the powder.
3. Transfer the powder to a glass tile.
4. Weigh 49 g Betnovate Ointment.
5. Transfer to the tile.
6. Triturate the Salicylic Acid BP and the Betnovate Ointment together, remembering the 'doubling-up' technique for adequate mixing.
7. Weigh 40 g of the resultant ointment, pack into a collapsible tube or amber glass jar, label and dispense.

**5. Choice of container**

A collapsible tube or plain amber jar would be most suitable.

**6. Labelling considerations****a. Title**

The product is unofficial, therefore the following title would be suitable: 'Salicylic Acid 2% in Betnovate Ointment'.

**b. Quantitative particulars**

Quantitative particulars are required as the product is unofficial. As the product is for external use, the quantitative particulars would be expressed per container:

The product contains:

Salicylic Acid BP	2%
Betnovate Ointment	98%

- c. Product-specific cautions (or additional labelling requirements)**  
'For external use only' will need to be added to the label as the product is an ointment for external use.
- d. Directions to patient – interpretation of Latin abbreviations where necessary**  
'Apply as directed.'
- e. Recommended *British National Formulary* cautions when suitable**  
Not applicable.