

Classes of Topical Steroids (JAAD 2006; 54:723)	
Potency Class	Common Examples
<b>Class 1:</b> Superpotent	Betamethasone 0.05% G/O/L, Clobetasol 0.05% C/O/G/S/F, Diflorasone 0.05% O, Halobetasol 0.05%
<b>Class 2:</b> Potent	Betamethasone 0.05% C, Desoximetasone 0.25% C/ 0.05% G, Fluocinonide 0.05% C/O/G/S
<b>Class 3:</b> Upper Mid	Betamethasone valerate 0.1%/0.12%F, Diflorasone 0.05% C, Triamcinolone 0.1% O
<b>Class 4:</b> Mid-Strength	Fluocinolone 0.025% O, Hydrocortisone 0.2% O, Mometasone 0.1% C/L, Triamcinolone 0.1% C
<b>Class 5:</b> Lower Mid	Desonide 0.05% O, Fluocinolone 0.025%, Hydrocortisone 0.2% C, Triamcinolone 0.025% O/L
<b>Class 6:</b> Mid	Betamethasone 0.1% C, Desonide 0.05% C, Fluocinolone 0.01% C/S, Triamcinolone 0.025% C
<b>Class 7:</b> Least Potent	Hydrocortisone 1%-2.5%
<p><b>Note:</b> C= cream, G= gel, L= lotion, O= ointment, S= solution, F=foam  <b>Potency:</b> Ointment (thickest, most potent) &gt; Gel &gt; Cream &gt; Lotion (liquidy, easier to spread)  <b>Class 1 Uses:</b> Severe dermatoses over non-facial/non-intertriginous areas, especially good for palms and soles)  <b>Class 2-4 Uses:</b> Mild-to-moderate non-facial/non-intertriginous dermatoses  <b>Class 5-7 Uses:</b> consider when treating large areas (given likelihood of systemic absorption), also eyelid/genital dermatoses</p>	