**Betamethasone (Topical)**

**Class:** Topical Corticosteroid

**Indications:** Inflammatory dermatoses such as seborrheic or atopic dermatitis, neurodermatitis, anogenital pruritus, psoriasis, inflammatory phase of xerosis

**Available dosage form in the hospital:** 0.1% Cream, 0.1% Ointment, 0.1%Scalp Application

**Trade Names:**

**Dosage:**

*Psoriasis (scalp):* Topical (foam): Apply to the scalp twice daily, once in the morning and once at night.

**Steroid-responsive dermatoses:**

*Gel, augmented formulation:* Apply once or twice daily; rub in gently. **Note:** Do not exceed 2 weeks of treatment or 50 g/week.

*Lotion:* Apply a few drops twice daily

**Augmented formulation:** Apply a few drops once or twice daily; rub in gently. **Note:** Do not exceed 2 weeks of treatment or 50 mL/week.

*Cream/ointment:* Apply once or twice daily

**Augmented formulation:** Apply once or twice daily. **Note:** Do not exceed 2 weeks of treatment or 45 g/week.

**Common side effect:**

**Topical Use:** Dermatologic: Acneiform eruptions, allergic dermatitis, burning, dry skin, erythema, folliculitis, hypertrichosis, irritation, miliaria, pruritus, skin atrophy, striae, vesiculation

**Pregnancy Risk Factor:** C