

PIMECROLIMUS 1% CREAM:

CLASS: Calcineurin Inhibitor; Immunosuppressant Agent; Topical Skin Product

INDICATIONS: Short-term and intermittent long-term treatment of mild-to-moderate atopic dermatitis in patients not responsive to conventional therapy or when conventional therapy is not appropriate

AVAILABLE DOSAGE FROM THE HOSPITAL:

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DOSAGE:

-Atopic dermatitis (mild-to-moderate): Topical: Apply thin layer to affected area twice daily; rub in gently and completely. **Note:** Limit application to involved areas. Continue as long as signs and symptoms persist; discontinue if resolution occurs; re-evaluate if symptoms persist >6 weeks.

-Oral lichen planus (unlabeled use): Topical: Apply twice daily for 1 month (Passeron, 2007; Volz, 2008)

-Psoriasis (unlabeled use): Topical: Apply twice daily (Gribetz, 2004; Menter, 2009)

Geriatric: Refer to adult dosing.

COMMON SIDE EFFECT:

- Central nervous system: Headache (7% to 25%), fever (1% to 13%)
- Local: Burning at application site (2% to 26%; tends to resolve/improve as lesions resolve)
- Respiratory: Nasopharyngitis (8% to 27%), cough (2% to 16%), upper respiratory tract infection (4% to 19%), bronchitis ($\leq 11\%$)
- Miscellaneous: Influenza (3% to 13%)

PREGNANCY RISK FACTORS: C