



Preferred Drug List

NEW DRUG REVIEW

Proprietary Name: Desonate™ Gel

Common Name: Desonide Gel 0.05%

PDL Category: Topical - Corticosteroids

<u>Comparable Products</u>	<u>Preferred Drug List/ Recommended Drug List Status</u>
Desonide 0.05% Cream/Lotion/Ointment	Preferred
Desoximetasone Gel	Preferred

Summary

Indications and Usage: Atopic dermatitis; mild-to-moderate severity

Mechanism of Action: Inhibits synthesis of prostaglandins and leukotrienes

Dosage Forms: Gel; 0.05%

Recommended Dosage: Applied to and rubbed into the affected area(s) twice daily

Common Adverse Drug Reactions: Application site burning, pruritus

Contraindications: Previous hypersensitivity to any component of the product

Manufacturer: SkinMedica, Inc.

Analysis: Desonate™ Gel offers a new delivery vehicle for the leading topical corticosteroid on the market, desonide. The low-potency topical corticosteroid does not contain alcohol, fragrance, or surfactants which results in less skin dryness and faster skin absorption. To date, no head-to-head studies have been conducted to demonstrate Desonate™ Gel to be clinically superior to other forms of desonide, or other low-dose corticosteroids. Different forms of topical desonide, including cream, lotion, and ointment, appear on the Preferred Drug List as preferred products, and are more cost effective than Desonate™ Gel.

IME Recommendation:

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