






Emollient comparison chart

Product	Image (where available)	Place in therapy	Ingredients	Cost
Very Light moisturisers for mild dry skin				
Isomol Gel		First line on formulary	Isopropyl myristate 15%, LP15%	100g - £1.99 500g - £2.92
Doublebase Gel		Alternative formulary option where Isomol not tolerated	Isopropyl myristate 15%, LP15%	100g - £2.65 500g - £5.83
Myribase Gel		Non formulary	Isopropyl myristate 15%, LP15%	100g - £2.65 500g - £5.83
Creams for mild to moderate dry skin				
Epimax cream		First line on formulary	WSP 15% and LP 6% Also contains Polysorbate 60, Cetosteryl Alcohol, Phenoxyethanol	100g - £0.75 500g - £2.49
Oilatum cream		First line on formulary	Light Liquid Paraffin 6.0% w/w and White Soft Paraffin 15.0% w/w in a cream base. Also contains cetostearyl alcohol and potassium sorbate.	150g - £3.06 500ml - £5.28

Product	Image (where available)	Place in therapy	Ingredients	Cost
Diprobase cream		Alternative formulary option where Epimax or Oilatum not tolerated	Cetomacrogol 2.25%, liquid paraffin 6%, white soft paraffin 15% Also includes Chlorocresol and Cetostearyl alcohol	50g - £1.28 500g - £6.32
Epaderm cream		Alternative formulary option where Epimax or Oilatum not tolerated	Cetomacrogol Emulsifying Wax BP 5%. (contains Cetostearyl Alcohol and Macrogol Cetostearyl Ether 22) Yellow Soft Paraffin BP 15% Liquid Paraffin Ph. Eur 10%.	50g – £1.71 500g - £6.95
Hydromol cream		Alternative formulary option where Epimax or Oilatum not tolerated	Sodium pidolate 2.5%, liquid paraffin 13.8%. Also contains cetostearyl alcohol and hydroxybenzoates (parabens)	100g - £4.09 500g - £11.92
Cetraben cream		Alternative formulary option where Epimax or Oilatum not tolerated	WSP 13.2%, light liquid paraffin 10.5%. Also contains cetostearyl alcohol	150g - £3.98 500g - £5.99
Greasy moisturisers for severe dry skin				
Emulsifying ointment		First line on formulary	Emulsifying wax 30%, WSP 50%, liquid paraffin 20% Also contains cetostearyl alcohol	500g - £2.66
Zeroderm ointment		First line on formulary	Liquid paraffin 40%w/w, WSP 30%w/w and emulsifying wax 30%w/w Also contains cetostearyl alcohol	125g - £2.41 500g - £4.10
Epaderm ointment		Alternative formulary options where emulsifying ointment and Zeroderm not tolerated.	Emulsifying wax 30%, yellow soft paraffin 30% and liquid paraffin 40% Also contains cetostearyl alcohol	125g - £3.85 500g - £6.53
Hydromol ointment		Alternative formulary options where emulsifying ointment and Zeroderm not tolerated.	Emulsifying wax 30%, yellow soft paraffin 30% and liquid paraffin 40%. Also contains cetostearyl alcohol	125g - £2.90 500g - £4.92

Product	Image (where available)	Place in therapy	Ingredients	Cost
Hydrous ointment			Wool alcohols ointment 50%, dried magnesium sulphate 0.5%, phenoxyethanol 1% in fresh boiled and cooled purified water.	500g - £4.89
Very greasy moisturisers for severe dry skin and/or acute flares				
WSP/LP 50:50 oint		First line on formulary	Liquid paraffin 50% and WSP 50%	500g - £3.66
Very light moisturisers for VERY sensitive mild dry skin, if Isomol gel has been tried and failed				
Aproderm colloidal oat cream		First line on formulary	Colloidal oatmeal 1% Also contains Purified Water, Olive Oil, Apricot Kernel Oil, Glycerin, Sucrose Stearate, Cetearyl Alcohol, Glyceryl Stearate SE, Dimethicone, Phenoxyethanol, Vitamin F Ethyl Ester, Ethylhexylglycerin, Xanthan gum, Disodium EDTA, Vitamin E	100ml - £2.74 500ml - £5.80
Aveeno		Alternative formulary option where Aproderm not tolerated and for ACBS indications of Endogenous and exogenous eczema, xeroderma, ichthyosis and senile pruritus associated with dry skin	Colloidal oatmeal 1% Also contains [PR-010017] Aqua, Glycerin, Distearyltrimonium Chloride, Isopropyl Palmitate, Paraffinum Liquidum, Cetyl Alcohol, Dimethicone, Avena Sativa Kernel Flour, Allantoin, Paraffin, Cera Microcristallina, Isopropyl Alcohol, Stearyl Alcohol, Myristyl Alcohol, Sodium Chloride, Benzyl Alcohol	100ml - £3.97 500ml - £7.19 BNF June 2017

Prices taken from Drug Tariff /BNF in June 2017