

## What is this medicine?

Eumovate® cream contains a steroid (0.05% clobetasone butyrate) It also contains chlorocresol as a preservative in a cream base (see product information leaflet for all ingredients)

## Before using the cream

Have you ever had a reaction to any of the ingredients listed on the information leaflet supplied in the medication carton? This may be itching, reddening of the skin, swelling of the eyelids face or lips or difficulty in breathing.

Are you:

- Pregnant
- Breast feeding

If the answer to any of the above is YES do not use the cream and speak to your doctor.

## Why do I need this cream?

It has been prescribed to treat a condition called overgranulation. This is where the lower tissues in a wound grow above the surrounding skin and prevent the skin cells from closing over the wound properly.

## How do I apply it?

Apply thinly to the affected area once a day unless told otherwise by your doctor. The area should then be covered with a dressing. Wash your hands after use.

Alternatively your practice nurse will apply it for you at dressing changes.

## How long do I use it for?

Continue to use the cream until told by your GP or nurse to stop. If you need further supplies, please contact your doctor here at the hospital.

## What are the side effects?

Like all medicines Eumovate® cream may cause you to experience side effects. Common and rare side effects are listed in the information leaflet contained in the carton. Please read this leaflet carefully before using the cream

## How do I store the cream?

Always replace the cap and store at room temperature.  
Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

## Why does the medicine information leaflet not mention overgranulation?

Eumovate® cream is licensed for use in skin conditions as listed in the product Information leaflet. It has not undergone clinical trials for use in overgranulation and so was never licensed for this condition. This is known as “off-label” use.

## Why are medicines licensed?

In the UK, most medicines go through strict checks to make sure that they are safe and effective. When the medicine passes all the required checks, a product licence is granted, which means that the medicine can be used in the treatment of specific medical conditions.

Pharmaceutical manufacturers must apply to the official government agency, the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) for a product licence if they want to sell their medicines in the UK. MHRA only agrees a product licence for a medicine if it has been proven to work for the illnesses it was developed for, does not have too many side effects or risks and has been made to a high standard.

The doctor who is treating you has recommended an “off-label” use of a licensed medicine because you may have already tried a licensed product which has not been effective or because they feel this is the most appropriate treatment for your condition.

## Any further questions

If you are unsure about any of this advice, please ask your doctor or pharmacist, or call:

Dressing Clinic 01342 414442  
Burns outpatients 01342 414010

or

QVH Patient Medication Helpline 01342 414215

## Clobetasone 0.05% Cream (Eumovate)



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