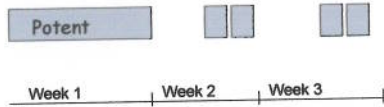


Use of topical corticosteroids

Once control achieved, apply TCS twice weekly to "usual" eczema sites, even if clear



"Weekend therapy"

Berth-Jones BMJ 2003;326:1367

Wet wrap dressings



Heterogeneity in treatment approaches

Enhanced potency of TCS under occlusion

Efficacy and safety demonstrated

↓ Staph counts



Should not wrap skin infected with viral infection (herpes, molluscum, viral warts)

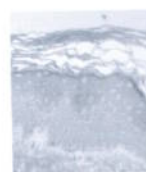
Adverse effects of topical corticosteroids



Comparison of Control vs Low- and High-dose Clobetasol on the Skin Barrier



Control



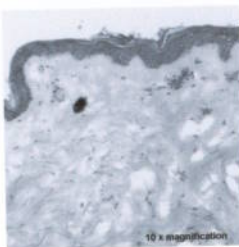
Low dose clobetasol
1 FTU twice daily 4 days



High-dose clobetasol
1 FTU 4 times /day, 4 days

Skin biopsies from the forearms of a normal volunteer treated for 30 days

Betamethasone valerate 0.1% 25%



1 fingertip for 30 days

Pimecrolimus cream 1%



1 for 30 days M Cork

Physician's global evaluation of clinical response at end of treatment

