1% HYDROCORTISONE CREAM USE

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- In dermatology, we use 1% HC in many ways.
- It is useful in mild atopic eczema, insect bites and contact allergies.
- It is safe to use on the face for short lengths of time and will not cause skin thinning if used correctly. Pharmacists are NOT able to prescribe for facial use at present.

How can I identify these?

Atopic eczema

Insect bites

Contact allergy

What to ask

• How long have you had this?

• What do you think has caused this?

• Have you had this before?

• What other questions are important?



Differential diagnoses

- The following photographs contain skin conditions which will benefit from use of 1% hydrocortisone cream.
- There are also some photographs of skin conditions in which 1% HC should not be used either because it is ineffective, or because it will make the condition worse
 See if you can identify which is which

Flea bites











Chicken pox





Lyme disease





Bowens disease





Mild atopic eczema

Infected eczema



Candidal intertrigo





Cellulitis

Herpes simplex (cold sore)





Herpes zoster (shingles)



Bowens disease

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What is this?









Tinea incognito





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Contact allergy?



Contact allergy to....?



Useful Websites

<u>www.pcds.org.uk</u>

<u>www.dermnetnz.org</u>

www.dermatology.nhs.scot



ANY QUESTIONS?

