



Prior Authorization Approval Criteria

Clobex Shampoo 0.05 % (clobetasol propionate)

Generic name:	Clobetasol propionate
Brand name:	Clobex Shampoo 0.05%
Medication class:	Anti-inflammatory agent, topical corticosteroid
FDA-approved use:	Short-term topical treatment of moderate to severe forms of scalp psoriasis.
Available dosage form:	0.05% shampoo in 118 ml bottles
Usual dose range:	Apply onto dry (not wet) scalp once a day. Apply a thin film to affected areas only, leave for 15 minutes, then lather and rinse. Should not exceed 50 gm (50 ml or 1.75 fl.oz.) per week
Duration of therapy:	4 consecutive weeks. Discontinue therapy when control is achieved.
Approximate cost: (based on AWP 2008)	4 week supply (236 ml): \$441.00

Criteria for use (*bullet points below are all inclusive unless otherwise noted*):

- Clinically documented moderate to severe scalp psoriasis.
 - Must be 18 years of age or older
 - Must have tried for a minimum of 2 weeks and failed all of the following:
 - Clobetasol (Temovate) cream, gel, ointment, or solution for scalp application
- AND**
- At least two other formulary very high potency or high potency topical steroids.

Cautions: Clobetasol propionate is a highly potent topical corticosteroid and has been shown to suppress the HPA axis at the lowest doses tested.

Contraindications: Hypersensitivity to clobetasol propionate, to other corticosteroids, or to any ingredient in the preparation

Not approved if:

- Patient does not meet the above-stated criteria
- Patient has any contraindications to the use of clobetasol or corticosteroids
- Area of need is larger than the scalp.
- Being used on face, groin, or axillae

Step therapy requirements:

- Topical clobetasol* and topical betamethasone** and topical fluocinonide
- * *Excluding Clobex products, Olux and Olux-E*
** *Excluding Luxiq*

FCHP Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee approval: _____

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