Generic Name: selenium sulfide 2.25%

Brand Name: Tersi Foam

Medication Class: anti-infective

FDA Approved Uses: Seborrheic dermatitis

Available Dosage Forms: topical foam available in 70g cans.

Usual Dose: Applied 1 to 2 times per week.

Duration of Therapy: Indefinite

Approximate monthly cost (based on AWP 2007): $118.75 per 70 grams

Criteria for Use: (bullet points below are all inclusive unless otherwise noted)
  • Clinically diagnosed seborrheic dermatitis
  • Failed other OTC topical treatments.
  • Failed/intolerant to selenium sulfide lotion prescription strength (Selsun)

Contraindications:
  • Allergy to any component of the product

Not Approved if:
  • Above criteria not met
  • Being used to treat tinea versicolor since this condition is not a covered benefit.
  • Patient has any contraindications to the use of selenium sulfide.

Other available formulations of Selenium Sulfide:
  Selenium sulfide Lotion Shampoo 1% available OTC
  -Head and shoulders intensive treatment
  -Selsun Blue medicated treatment- approximate cost is about $3.60 per 120 ml bottle
  Selenium Sulfide Lotion 2.5% available by prescription
  -Selsun Rx-approximate cost is about $12.00 per120ml bottle

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