

Type of Vehicle for the Type of Wound and Location

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BASE/VEHICLE	SITE/INDICATION	COMMENTS
Dusting Powders	Flexures, which may be slightly moist	Lessen friction. May often contain antibacterial/antifungal agents
Alcohol-base Applications	Scalp	Clean vehicle for steroid application
Watery and Shake Lotions	Acutely inflamed skin (wet and oozing)	Drying, soothing and cooling
<i>Astringents-eg. potassium permanganate, Burow's solution (aluminum acetate)</i>	Wet, weeping skin	Precipitate protein and lessen exudation
Creams	Moist and dry skin	Cooling emollient and moisturizing. Used to apply steroids to the face and flexures
Ointments	Dry and scaly skin	Occlusive and emollient
Pastes	Dry, lichenified and scaly skin	Protective and emollient
Sprays	Weeping and acutely inflamed skin	Drying and non-occlusive
Gels	Face and scalp	Vehicle for steroids, salicylic acid and retinoids