








BNSSG First Line Emollients

For the full emollient formulary see [Remedy chapter 13.1 Dry and scaling skin disorders](#)

Product	Picture	Cost*	Ingredients
Very greasy ointment			
White soft paraffin in liquid paraffin (50:50)		500g—£4.57	Liquid paraffin 50%, white soft paraffin 50%
Ointment			
Epimax Ointment		125g—£2.01 500g—£3.13	Liquid paraffin 40%, yellow soft paraffin 30% cetomacrogol emulsifying wax (cetostearyl alcohol and macrogol cetostearyl ether)
Gel			
Epimax Isomol Gel (similar to Doublebase)		100g—£1.99 500g—£3.08	Isopropyl Myristate 15% w/w; Liquid Paraffin 15% w/w Purified Water, Glycerol, Polysorbate 20, Triethanolamine, Carbomer, Phenoxyethanol, Ethylhexylglyc-
Creams			
Epimax Original Cream		100g—£0.80 500g—£2.67	White soft paraffin 15% w/w and liquid paraffin 6% w/w Water, Polysorbate 60, Cetostearyl Alcohol, Phenoxyethanol
Epimax ExCetra Cream (Similar to Cetraben)		100g—£1.83 500g—£3.09	White soft paraffin 13.2% w/w and light liquid paraffin 10.5% w/w Water, Glycerol, Cetostearyl Alcohol, Phenoxyethanol, Trisodium Citrate Dihydrate, Citric Acid Monohydrate, SLS-free emulsifying wax, ethylhexylglycerin
Epimax Oatmeal Cream (Similar to Aveeno)		100g—£2.06 500g—£3.10	Avena sativa (oat) kernel flour, liquid paraffin 3.5% w/w, white soft paraffin 0.75% Water, glycerol, distearyldimonium chloride, isopropyl palmitate, cetostearyl alcohol, dimethicone, allantoin, isopropanol, octyldodecanol, phenoxyethanol, ethylhexylglycerin, sodium chloride, benzyl alcohol
Lotion			
Lotions should only be offered to patients where alternative emollients aren't suitable, and the lotion properties will be clinically beneficial – an emollient that is easier to spread or required for hairy areas of skin			
E45 Lotion		200ml—£2.45 500ml—£4.90	WSP 10% + LLP 4%, hypoallergenic anhydrous lanolin 1% Excipients: benzyl alcohol, isopropyl palmitate, hydroxybenzoates (parabens)

MHRA published a [Field Safety Notice](#) linking **cetostearyl alcohol** (an excipient of some Epimax products and a number of other emollients) to eye-related toxicity and corneal epithelial loss. Please ensure patients using emollients containing cetostearyl alcohol are aware to avoid contact of these products with their eyes and wash their hands after use. If patients experience any side effects from their medication, please encourage them to seek clinical advice and report to the MHRA via the [Yellow Card Scheme](#).

*Prices taken from DM+D October 2022

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