

Policy Statement; Prescribing of Camouflage Creams

Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group restricts the prescribing of camouflage creams to the following conditions only on the face as an adjunctive therapy in the relief of emotional disturbances due to disfiguring and an altered image:

- Scars on the face resulting from postoperative, accident, skin condition, skin disease, self-harm, act of violence, burns, acne
- birth marks on the face
- hyperpigmentation on the face
- melasma on the face
- Vitiligo on the face

Prescribing is not supported in certain skin markings such as moles, tattoos, spider naevi, varicose veins and thread veins, allergic reactions, bacterial and fungal infections, such as impetigo and tinea (ringworm), blister and ulcerated skin, Chilblains; illnesses that visually manifest on skin, such as chickenpox and measles; infestations, such as scabies and lice; occupational/contact dermatitis, open wound, over sutures (stitches); photodermatoses, such as actinic dermatitis, psoriasis to nails, persistent palmoplantar and pustular forms of psoriasis, skin cancers, strawberry birthmarks, undiagnosed lesions, undiagnosed rashes, viral infections, such as herpes simplex, herpes zoster (shingles) and warts.

The following products are allowed on prescription:

- Covermark Classic Foundation
- Keromask Masking Cream
- Covermark Finishing Powder
- Veil Cover Cream
- Dermacolor Camoflage Cream
- Veil Finishing Powder
- Dermacolor Fixing Powder
- Vichy Dermablend Ultra Corrective Foundation Cream Stick (formerly Vichy Dermablend Foundation)

The following are **not allowed** on script:

- ×Dermacolor Body Cover
- ×Dermacolor Cleansing Cream
- ×Dermacolor Cleansing Lotion
- ×Dermacolor Cleansing Milk
- ×Dermacolor 6 Colour Palette
- ×Dermacolor Creme Effective No.2
- ×Dermacolor Fixier Spray

Providers commissioned to provide services on behalf of Mid-Essex CCG are reminded that they are required to follow the Mid-Essex CCG formulary and prescribing guidance as detailed in their contract (Medicines Management Service Specification). See Mid-Essex CCG website – Medicines Optimisation page for all prescribing guidance.

<http://midessexccg.nhs.uk/your-health-services/medicines-optimisation>



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