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# Veterans' MATES Response Form Pharmacist

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**Please include your Australian Health Practitioner Registration Number in the appropriate box on the bottom of the questionnaire. We are required to maintain a record of participating pharmacists for audit purposes. You are required to self-record details of this CPD activity.**

## Details for your activity record

Activity title: *Veterans' MATES July 2023*

Provider: *DVA*

Type of activity: *Therapeutic brief*

CPD Credits: *1 CPD credit (Group 1)*

Topic: *Dry and itchy skin in older patients*

Accreditation number: *CX23018A*

After reading the therapeutic brief you should be able to:

- *Identify the core principles for management of dry itchy skin in older patients.*
- *Assist veterans in understanding how to use emollients as part of their treatment for dry itchy skin.*
- *Assist veterans by helping them to understand the correct application of corticosteroid cream when required.*

Competency Standards (2016) addressed: 1.1.2, 1.4.2, 1.4.3, 1.5.1, 1.6.1, 1.6.2, 1.6.3, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.5, 3.2.6, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.5.1, 3.5.2, 3.6.1, 4.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.3.4.

## Veterans' MATES

### Dry and itchy skin in older veteran patients – causes and management options (July 2023)

Please place a cross in the appropriate box using a black or blue pen.  
Mark one box only for each question.

**1. How useful have you found the therapeutic brief?**

Very useful       Moderately useful       Slightly useful       Not at all useful

**2. Prior to reading the therapeutic brief, were you aware that there are emollients available on the RPBS for DVA patients with dry itchy skin?**

Yes       No

**3. How much has reading the therapeutic brief encouraged you to talk to your DVA patients about using an emollient twice a day as part of their management of dry and itchy skin?**

Greatly encouraged       Moderately encouraged       Slightly encouraged       Not at all encouraged

**4. We have sent copies of the veteran letter and brochure to your veteran patients who might be at higher risk of having dry itchy skin. How useful is this brochure when talking to your patients with dry itchy skin?**

Very useful       Moderately useful       Slightly useful       Not at all useful

**5. Has reading the therapeutic brief encouraged you to talk to your DVA patients who are dispensed a corticosteroid cream about using an emollient twice a day as part of their management of dry and itchy skin?**

Greatly encouraged       Moderately encouraged       Slightly encouraged       Not at all encouraged

**6. If a patient presents with dry itchy skin which is not improving from emollient use, how likely are you to suggest they make an appointment with their GP?**

Very likely       Moderately likely       Slightly likely       Not at all likely

**7. Prior to reading the therapeutic brief, were you aware that misinformation about the risk of topical corticosteroid preparations on social media has led to steroid phobia and decreased treatment adherence?**

Yes       No

**8. Has reading the materials increased your confidence when talking to your patients experiencing steroid phobia?**

A lot       Moderately       Slightly       Not at all  
 I was already confident in talking to my patients about steroid phobia

**9. To what degree will the information about the fingertip unit in the therapeutic brief insert assist you in counselling your patients about the correct application of corticosteroid cream?**

A lot       Moderately       Slightly       Not at all  
 I was already confident in counselling my patients about using the fingertip unit

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