

Letterkenny University Hospital - LUH Antimicrobial Prescribing Policy/Guidelines: Topical Antibacterial Agents

Topical Antibacterial Agents	
(Note topical application of antimicrobials is generally <u>not</u> recommended - see below for LUH exceptions).	
Rationale for restricting use in hospitals	<p>The use of topical antibiotics frequently leads to the emergence of resistance .</p> <p><i>An infection that needs to be treated should generally be treated systemically.</i></p>
Not routinely recommended	<p>Any topical antibacterial e.g.</p> <p>Bactroban[®]</p> <p>Flamazine[®]</p> <p>Fucidin[®]</p> <p>Naseptin[®]</p> <p>Polyfax[®]</p>
Exceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bactroban[®] nasal ointment as first line treatment for MRSA decolonisation - Naseptin[®] as second line treatment for MRSA decolonisation - Naseptin[®] use by ENT - Topical antibacterial use by dermatology - Flamazine[®] use by Plastics