Guideline for using Flamazine®

We recommend using Flamazine when your skin has broken and is at risk of infection or has become infected.

Flamazine (silver sulfadiazine) is an antibacterial cream which reduces the risk of infection. It needs to be prescribed by a doctor.

It helps to heal the skin by:
• keeping skin moist, which helps it to heal
• reducing the risk of infections
• stopping the dressing from sticking to the area of healing skin.

It can also reduce any discomfort you may experience.

It may be helpful to share this leaflet with your family doctor, district or practice nurse, if you see them to have your dressings changed.

Instructions for use

Wash your hands well, both before and after using the Flamazine, to prevent infection.

Clean the affected area with warm water or saline solution, using soft wipes, cotton wool pads or gauze, or a fresh, clean flannel. Use a fresh flannel each time, to prevent infection.

It is important to gently remove all cream from the area before re-applying, to reduce the risk of infection.

*Your skin may bleed a little after cleansing, this is normal.*

Pat the area dry with clean cotton wool pads, tissue, or use a hairdryer on a cool setting.
Apply a thin layer of the Flamazine to all the broken areas of skin, using your fingertips or a clean cotton wool pad, as advised by your nurse or therapeutic radiographer.

Cover with a dressing, if advised by your nurse, as the cream may stain your clothing and skin.

Apply the cream ..........................................................

Precautions

Do not use if you are allergic to sulfa or if you have had a reaction to it.

Do not use if the tube is damaged or broken. Check the expiry date and do not use if it is out of date.

Do not use Flamazine if you have a history of severe renal or hepatic disease, or if you are pregnant.

How to contact us

If you have any queries during your radiotherapy please speak with the therapeutic radiographer treating you, or the radiotherapy nurse practitioners.

Tel: **01865 235 472** during normal working hours

Outside of hours, please phone the Oxford triage assessment team on **01865 572 192**.

If you have a specific requirement, need an interpreter, a document in Easy Read, another language, large print, Braille or audio version, please call **01865 221 473** or email **PALSJR@ouh.nhs.uk**

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