

People dispensed a topical antibiotic in a year, rate per 100

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Description

This measure details the rate per 100 people dispensed a topical antibiotic in a year. Topical antibiotics have few indications while good skin hygiene and topical antiseptics such as hydrogen peroxide or povidone iodine are recommended for treating localised or minor skin infections, including impetigo. In Aotearoa New Zealand, increasing use of topical fusidic acid has occurred concurrently with increasing fusidic acid resistance. For this reason, it is recommended that the use of topical antibiotics is limited.

Measure set

[Antibiotics domain](#)

Notes about this measure set

[See technical document for details.](#)

Numerator

People dispensed a topical antibiotic in the community.

Denominator

People who had a GP consultation date in the year.

Denominator detail

Topical antibiotics: fusidic acid 1546 formulation ID; 154608, 154609; mupirocin 1835.

Denominator exclusions

- Formulation ID for: fusidic acid 1546: 154604 (eye).
- Hydrogen peroxide and silver sulfadiazine 2114 are excluded as they are topical antiseptics.

Data sources

[Pharmaceutical Collection \(PHARMS\)](#)

[PHO Enrolment Collection](#)

[Ministry of Health](#)

Responsible organisation(s)

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Resources

Measure Technical Document: People dispensed a topical antibiotic in a year (.pdf)

Resource link

<https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/assets/Our-data/Publications-resources/People-dispensed-a-topical-antibiotic-in-a-year.pdf>

Resource Type

Measures & documentation

Description

This document contains a detailed definition of the measure.