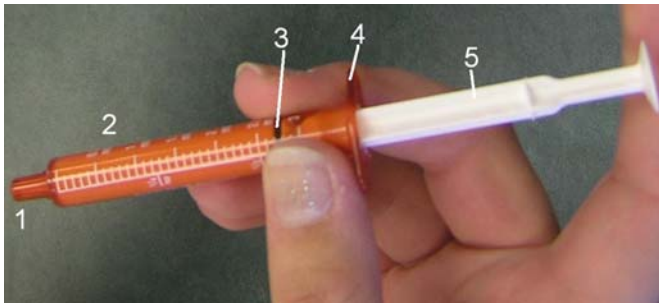




## Using a Topical Syringe

Medicated creams, lotions, gels, and ointments most commonly come packaged in tubes. Sometimes, it is necessary to accurately measure the amount of cream the patient applies to the skin. In these cases, creams will be dispensed in syringes. This handout will show you how to properly use a topical syringe.



### Parts of a Syringe

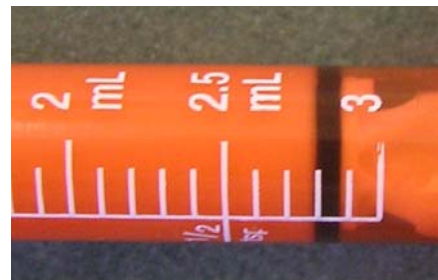
1. Tip with the opening
2. Graduations for measurement
3. Indicator line
4. Handle
5. Plunger

Syringes come with graduated markings along the side to indicate the amount in the syringe. The black line on the plunger indicates the amount. This syringe has 3ml of cream in it.



### Dispensing Topical Preparations

Firmly grasp handle with two fingers. Depress the plunger until the indicator line moves the desired amount. The patient below is applying 0.2 milliliters. Rub into skin according to your Doctor's directions.



**For any questions, either talk to your healthcare provider or your pharmacist.**

