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Calcium Hydroxide Topical Solution

» Calcium Hydroxide Topical Solution is a solution containing, in each 100 mL, not less than 140 mg of calcium hydroxide $[\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2]$.

Prepare Calcium Hydroxide Topical Solution as follows (see [Pharmaceutical Compounding—Nonsterile Preparations \(795\)](#)):

Calcium Hydroxide	3 g
Purified Water	1000 mL

Add the Calcium Hydroxide to 1000 mL of cool Purified Water, and agitate the mixture vigorously and repeatedly during 1 hour. Allow the excess calcium hydroxide to settle. Dispense only the clear supernatant.

[NOTE—The solubility of calcium hydroxide, which varies with the temperature at which the solution is stored, is about 170 mg per 100 mL at 15° and less at a higher temperature. The official concentration is based upon a temperature of 25°.]

The undissolved portion of the mixture is not suitable for preparing additional quantities of Calcium Hydroxide Topical Solution.

Packaging and storage—Preserve in well-filled, tight containers, at a temperature not exceeding 25°.

Identification—

A: It absorbs carbon dioxide from the air, a film of calcium carbonate forming on the surface of the liquid.

B: When heated, it becomes turbid, owing to the separation of calcium hydroxide.

C: It responds to the tests for [Calcium \(191\)](#).

Alkalies and their carbonates—A portion of it, saturated with carbon dioxide and subsequently boiled, is neutral in reaction.

Assay—Pipet 100 mL of Topical Solution into a suitable container, add 50 mL of water, 15 mL of 1 N sodium hydroxide, and 300 mg of hydroxy naphthol blue, and titrate with 0.05 M edetate disodium VS to a blue endpoint. Each mL of 0.05 M edetate disodium is equivalent to 3.705 mg of calcium hydroxide $[\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2]$.

Auxiliary Information - Please [check for your question in the FAQs](#) before contacting USP.

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