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## ^Estriol Compounded Vaginal Cream

**DEFINITION**  
Estriol Compounded Vaginal Cream contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of estriol ( $C_{18}H_{24}O_3$ ). Prepare Estriol Compounded Vaginal Cream, 0.5 mg/g (0.05%), as follows (see [Pharmaceutical Compounding—Nonsterile Preparations \(795\)](#)).

Estriol	50 mg
Propylene Glycol	5 mL
Emollient Cream Base, <sup>a</sup> a sufficient quantity to make	100 g

<sup>a</sup> PCCA, Houston, TX.

Wet the *Estriol* with the *Propylene Glycol* in a suitable container and mix until smooth and homogenous. Add the *Emollient Cream Base* by geometric dilution until final weight is achieved. Mix after each addition of the *Emollient Cream Base*.

**ASSAY**

- PROCEDURE**  
**Solution A:** 25 mM monobasic potassium phosphate  
**Solution B:** Acetonitrile and methanol (50:50)  
**Mobile phase:** See [Table 1](#).

Table 1

Time (min)	Solution A (%)	Solution B (%)
0	80	20
5	80	20
30	40	60
31	80	20
35	80	20

**Diluent:** Methanol and water (80:20)  
**Standard stock solution:** Transfer about 20 mg of [USP Estriol RS](#) to a 250-mL volumetric flask and dilute with *Diluent* to final volume.  
**Standard solution:** 0.005 mg/mL of estriol prepared from *Standard stock solution* and *Diluent*  
**Sample solution:** Weigh about 3 mL of Vaginal Cream and transfer into a 100-mL volumetric flask, add about 5 mL of chloroform, and sonicate until the cream is broken down. Dilute with *Diluent* to final volume and pass through a filter of 0.45-µm pore size.  
**Chromatographic system**  
(See [Chromatography \(621\), System Suitability](#).)  
**Mode:** LC  
**Detector:** UV 230 nm  
**Column:** 4.6-mm × 15-cm; 3-µm packing L11

**Column temperature:** 60°

**Flow rate:** 1.0 mL/min

**Injection volume:** 20 µL

**System suitability**

**Sample:** *Standard solution*

[NOTE—The retention time for estriol is about 17.2 min.]

**Suitability requirements**

**Tailing factor:** NMT 2.0

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 2.0% for replicate injections

**Analysis**

**Samples:** *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of estriol ( $C_{18}H_{24}O_3$ ) in the portion of Vaginal Cream taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

$r_U$  = peak response of estriol from the *Sample solution*

$r_S$  = peak response of estriol from the *Standard solution*

$C_S$  = concentration of [USP Estriol RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

$C_U$  = nominal concentration of estriol in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–110.0%

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Package in a tight, light-resistant suitable calibrated dispenser. Store at controlled room temperature.
- **BEYOND-USE DATE:** NMT 90 days after the date on which it was compounded when stored at controlled room temperature
- **LABELING:** Label it to indicate that it is for vaginal use only, and to state the *Beyond-Use Date*.
- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS** (11).  
[USP Estriol RS](#) ▲ (USP 1-Aug-2019)

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

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