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## Fluocinonide Gel

» Fluocinonide Gel contains not less than 90.0 percent and not more than 110.0 percent of the labeled amount of fluocinonide ( $C_{26}H_{32}F_2O_7$ ).

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in collapsible tubes or tight containers.

**USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)**—

[USP Fluocinonide RS](#)

**Identification**—Weigh an amount of Gel, equivalent to about 2.5 mg of fluocinonide, into a glass-stoppered, 50-mL centrifuge tube containing 20 mL of sodium chloride solution (1 in 10). Add 5 mL of chloroform and 15 mL of methanol, and shake vigorously. Centrifuge to clarify the chloroform layer, and remove the solid material present at the interphase. Discard the upper phase. Dry a portion of the chloroform layer over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Using the dried extract as the *Test preparation*, proceed as directed in the *Identification* test under [Fluocinonide Cream](#), beginning with “Apply 10  $\mu$ L of the *Test solution*.”

**MINIMUM FILL (755)**: meets the requirements.

**Assay**—

**Mobile phase**—Prepare a mixture of acetonitrile and water (1:1). Make adjustments if necessary (see [System Suitability](#) under [Chromatography \(621\)](#)).

**Standard preparation**—Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of [USP Fluocinonide RS](#) in acetonitrile to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 200  $\mu$ g per mL. Transfer 10.0 mL of this solution to a 100-mL volumetric flask, dilute with acetonitrile to volume, and mix. The final concentration is 20  $\mu$ g per mL.

**Assay preparation**—Transfer an accurately weighed quantity of Gel, containing about 2 mg of fluocinonide, to a 100-mL volumetric flask. Add about 60 mL of acetonitrile, and dissolve the gel by heating on a steam bath. Cool to room temperature, dilute with acetonitrile to volume, and mix. Centrifuge a portion at about 2500 rpm for about 5 minutes. Filter a portion of the centrifugate through an acetonitrile-insoluble membrane filter. The filtrate is the *Assay preparation*.

**Chromatographic system** (see [Chromatography \(621\)](#))—The liquid chromatograph is equipped with a 254-nm detector and a 3.9-mm  $\times$  30-cm column that contains packing L1. The flow rate is about 2 mL per minute. Chromatograph the *Standard preparation*, and record the peak responses as directed for *Procedure*: the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 1.5%.

**Procedure**—Separately inject equal volumes (about 20  $\mu$ L) of the *Standard preparation* and the *Assay preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the responses for the major peaks. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of  $C_{26}H_{32}F_2O_7$  in the portion of Gel taken by the formula:

$$0.1C(r_u/r_s)$$

in which C is the concentration, in  $\mu$ g per mL, of [USP Fluocinonide RS](#) in the *Standard preparation*; and  $r_u$  and  $r_s$  are the peak responses due to fluocinonide obtained from the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*, respectively.

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