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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 µL 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 µg 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 µg 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 × 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 µL) 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 µg 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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