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# Testosterone Enanthate Injection

» Testosterone Enanthate Injection is a sterile solution of Testosterone Enanthate in a suitable vegetable oil. It contains not less than 90.0 percent and not more than 110.0 percent of the labeled amount of  $C_{26}H_{40}O_3$ .

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in single-dose or multiple-dose containers, preferably of Type I glass.

**USP REFERENCE STANDARDS (11)**—  
[USP Testosterone Enanthate RS](#)

**Identification**—Dilute a suitable volume of Injection with chloroform to obtain a solution having a concentration of about 400 µg of testosterone enanthate per mL. Proceed as directed in the *Identification* test under [Testosterone Cypionate Injection](#), beginning with “Prepare a 20- × 20-cm thin-layer chromatographic plate,” but using [USP Testosterone Enanthate RS](#). The  $R_f$  value of the principal spot obtained from the solution under test corresponds to that obtained from the Reference Standard solution.

**Other requirements**—It meets the requirements under [Injections and Implanted Drug Products \(1\)](#).

**Assay**—

*Chromatographic solvent*—Equilibrate, by shaking in a separator, 95 mL of alcohol, 5 mL of water, and 50 mL of chromatographic *n*-heptane. Allow the layers to separate.

*Isoniazid reagent*—Dissolve 375 mg of isoniazid and 0.47 mL of hydrochloric acid in 500 mL of methanol.

*Standard preparation*—Dissolve a suitable quantity of [USP Testosterone Enanthate RS](#), accurately weighed, in methanol, and dilute quantitatively and stepwise with methanol to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 40 µg per mL.

*Assay preparation*—Transfer to a 10-mL volumetric flask an accurately measured volume of Injection, equivalent to about 100 mg of testosterone enanthate, add chromatographic *n*-heptane to volume, and mix. Pipet 5 mL of this solution into a 100-mL volumetric flask, add chromatographic *n*-heptane to volume, and mix.

*Procedure*—Mix in a beaker 3 g of silanized chromatographic siliceous earth and 3 mL of the upper layer of the *Chromatographic solvent*. Pack the mixture into a 250- × 25-mm chromatographic tube that contains a small pledget of glass wool above the stem constriction. Mix in a beaker 3 g of silanized chromatographic siliceous earth and 2.0 mL of *Assay preparation*, transfer the mixture to the tube, and pack. Dry-wash the beaker with 1 g of silanized chromatographic siliceous earth, and transfer to the tube. Place a small pad of glass wool above the column packing. Pass 35 mL of the lower layer of the *Chromatographic solvent* through the column, and collect the eluate in a 50-mL volumetric flask. Add alcohol to volume, and mix. Pipet 10 mL of the resulting solution into a glass-stoppered, 50-mL conical flask, and evaporate on a water bath to dryness. Pipet 5 mL of methanol into the flask, and swirl to dissolve the residue. Pipet 5 mL of *Standard preparation* into a similar flask. To each flask add 10.0 mL of *Isoniazid reagent*, mix, and allow to stand for about 45 minutes. Concomitantly determine the absorbances of both solutions at the wavelength of maximum absorbance at about 380 nm, with a suitable spectrophotometer, using as a blank 5 mL of methanol that has been treated similarly with *Isoniazid reagent*. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of  $C_{26}H_{40}O_3$  in each mL of the Injection taken by the formula:

$$2.5(C/V)(A_U/A_S)$$

in which *C* is the concentration, in µg per mL, of [USP Testosterone Enanthate RS](#) in the *Standard preparation*; *V* is the volume, in mL, of Injection taken; and  $A_U$  and  $A_S$  are the absorbances of the solutions from the *Assay preparation* and the *Standard preparation*, respectively.

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