



## **SUGGESTED FORMULA**

Hydroquinone 5% Topical Solution

Version number: 1.0 Volume: 100 mL

Ascorbic Acid, USP (AS105) 1gm
Hydroquinone, USP (HY113) 5gm
Polyethylene Glycol 300, NF (PO108) 20 mL
Polysorbate 80, NF (PO138) 1gm

Isopropyl Rubbing Alcohol 70%, USP (IS120) q.s. 100mL

Use caution to not incorporate air into the preparation because air will increase the rate of oxidation and discoloration of the preparation. Also, package the preparation in containers to minimize headspace.

## **SUGGESTED COMPOUNDING PROCEDURES**

- 1. Calculate the required quantity of each ingredient for the total amount to be prepared
- 2. Accurately weigh and/or measure each ingredient
- 3. Add the hydroquinone, ascorbic acid and Polysorbate 80 to the polyethylene glycol 300
- 4. Add sufficient isopropyl alcohol 70% to volume and mix well
- 5. Package in light resistant containers and label
- 6. Suggested quality assessments:
  - a. Clarity
  - b. Color
  - c. Label (s)- auxiliary labels (external use), storage, BUD

Protect from light.

Do not store in contact with metallic substances

For external Use Only

Keep away from eyes and mucous membranes

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## Beyond-Use Date should be assigned based on the current USP <795> Standards

## **Precautions:**

Precautions should be taken to prevent cross-contamination and exposure of ingredients to the compounder and contamination of the preparation by the compounder. Wear appropriate protective equipment. Use safety enclosures (hoods) when weighing and mixing.

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