



## **SUGGESTED FORMULA**

Acyclovir 3% Ophthalmic Ointment

Version number: 1.0

Volume or quantity: 10 gm

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Acyclovir, USP (A1816) 0.3gm

Mineral Oil, USP (MI500) 3.1 g (3.6 mL)

White Petrolatum, USP (PE125) 6.6 gm

## SUGGESTED COMPOUNDING PROCEDURES

- 1. Calculate the required quantity of each ingredient for the amount to be prepared.
- 2. Accurately weigh and/or measure each ingredient.
- 3. Remove plunger from a 20 mL luer-lock syringe, cap and transfer mineral oil into the syringe barrel with barrel held upright in a beaker.
- 4. Add acyclovir to step 3 then place plunger back into syringe, being careful not to expel mineral oil and acyclovir mixture.
- 5. Back load another 20 mL luer-lock syringe with petrolatum, connect the two syringes with a luer-lock connector (Cat # 550-82891 or 552-58640) and mix all ingredients by passing between syringes at least 25 times.
- 6. Transfer mixture to a clean glass beaker, cover and process in dry heat oven at 160°C for 2.5 hours to sterilize.
- 7. When mixture is cooled and congealed, aseptically transfer inside ISO Class 5 air (PEC) into a sterile syringe (and apply sterile cap) or sterilized ophthalmic ointment tube.
- 8. Quality assessments:
  - a. homogenous mixture
  - b. no leakage from container
  - c. sterility testing
  - d. label auxiliary labels, storage, BUD, compounded medication

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<sup>\*</sup>Pregnant woman must not handle this medicine\* Store in air-tight container, room temperature

Beyond-Use Dates of preparations are conservative estimates from reference books, peer-reviewed literature, and intended duration of therapy, formulation from commercially available products, organoleptic observations and current USP guidelines. Compounders may have stability studies performed by a reputable laboratory if they wish to extend the Beyond-Use Date.

It is recommended that you follow USP <797> recommendations for potency testing.

Beyond-Use Date should be assigned based on the current USP 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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