of Phenylephrine Hydrochloride in 10 mL of water: the solution is clear and colorless.

- (2) Sulfate—Take 0.5 g of Phenylephrine Hydrochloride, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 0.50 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.048%).
- (3) Ketone—Dissolve 0.20 g of Phenylephrine Hydrochloride in 1 mL of water, and add 2 drops of sodium pentacyanonitrosylferrate (III) TS, 1 mL of sodium hydroxide TS and then 0.6 mL of acetic acid (100): the solution has no more color than the following control solution.

Control solution: Prepare as directed above without Phenylephrine Hydrochloride.

Loss on drying Not more than 0.5% (1 g, 105°C, 2 hours). Residue on ignition Not more than 0.20% (1 g).

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.1 g of Phenylephrine Hydrochloride, previously dried, dissolve in 40 mL of water contained in an iodine flask, add exactly measured 50 mL of 0.05 mol/L bromine VS, then add 5 mL of hydrochloric acid, and immediately stopper tightly. Shake the mixture, and allow to stand for 15 minutes. To this solution add 10 mL of potassium iodide TS carefully, stopper tightly immediately, shake thoroughly, allow to stand for 5 minutes, and titrate with 0.1 mol/L sodium thiosulfate VS (indicator: 1 mL of starch TS). Perform a blank determination.

Each mL of 0.05 mol/L bromine VS = 3.3945 mg of $C_9H_{13}NO_2$.HCl

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers. Storage—Light-resistant.

Phenytoin

Diphenylhydantoin

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C₁₅H₁₂N₂O₂: 252.27

5,5-Diphenylimidazolidine-2,4-dione [57-41-0]

Phenytoin, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_2$.

Description Phenytoin occurs as a white, crystalline powder or granules. It is odorless and tasteless.

It is sparingly soluble in ethanol (95) and in acetone, slightly soluble in diethyl ether, and practically insoluble in water

It dissolves in sodium hydroxide TS.

Melting point: about 296°C (with decomposition).

Identification (1) Dissolve 0.02 g of Phenytoin in 2 mL of ammonia TS, and add 5 mL of silver nitrate TS: a white precipitate is produced.

- (2) Boil a mixture of 0.01 g of Phenytoin, 1 mL of ammonia TS and 1 mL of water, and add dropwise 2 mL of a mixture prepared from 50 mL of a solution of copper (II) sulfate pentahydrate (1 in 20) and 10 mL of ammonia TS: a red, crystalline precipitate is produced.
- (3) Heat 0.1 g of Phenytoin with 0.2 g of sodium hydroxide, and fuse: the gas evolved turns moistened red litmus paper blue.
- (4) Add 3 mL of chlorinated lime TS to 0.1 g of phenytoin, shake for 5 minutes, and dissolve the oily precipitate in 15 mL of hot water. After cooling, add 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid dropwise, then add 4 mL of water. Filter the white precipitate thus obtained, wash with water, and press it with dry filter paper to remove the accompanying water. Dissolve the precipitate with 1 mL of chloroform, add 5 mL of diluted ethanol (99.5) (9 in 10), and rub the inner surface of the flask to produce a white, crystalline precipitate. Collect the precipitate, wash with ethanol (95), and dry: the melting point is between 165°C and 169°C.
- **Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 0.20 g of Phenytoin in 10 mL of 0.2 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS: the solution is clear and colorless. Then heat the solution: no turbidity is produced. Cool, and mix the solution with 5 mL of acetone: the solution is clear and colorless.
- (2) Acid or alkali—Shake 2.0 g of phenytoin with 40 mL of water for 1 minute, filter, and perform the following tests using this filtrate as the sample solution.
- (i) To 10 mL of the sample solution add 2 drops of phenolphthalein TS: no color develops. Then add 0.15 mL of 0.01 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS: a red color develops.
- (ii) To 10 mL of the sample solution add 0.30 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS and 5 drops of methyl red TS: a red to orange color develops.
- (3) Chloride—Dissolve 0.30 g of Phenytoin in 30 mL of acetone, and add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution from 30 mL of acetone, 0.60 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS and 6 mL of dilute nitric acid, and add water to 50 mL (not more than 0.071%).
- (4) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Phenytoin according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 20 ppm).

Loss on drying Not more than 0.5% (2 g, 105°C, 2 hours).

Residue on ignition Not more than 0.10% (1 g).

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.5 g of Phenytoin, previously dried, dissolve in 40 mL of ethanol (95) with the aid of gentle heating, add 0.5 mL of thymolphthalein TS immediately, and titrate with 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS until a light blue color develops. Then add 1 mL of pyridine, 5 drops of phenolphthalein TS and 25 mL of silver nitrate TS, and titrate with 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS until a light red color, which persists for 1 minute, develops.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS = 25.227 mg of $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_2$

Containers and storage Containers—Well-closed containers.