

#### NATURAL HEALTH PRODUCT

# CALENDULA OFFICINALIS Topical

This monograph is intended to serve as a guide to industry for the preparation of Product Licence Applications (PLAs) and labels for natural health product market authorization. It is not intended to be a comprehensive review of the medicinal ingredient.

#### **Notes**

- ► Text in parentheses is additional optional information which can be included on the PLA and product label at the applicant's discretion.
- ▶ The solidus (/) indicates that the terms and/or statements are synonymous. Either term or statement may be selected by the applicant.

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# Proper name(s), Common name(s), Source information

Table 1. Proper name(s), Common name(s), Source information

Proper name(s)	Common name(s)	Source information		
		Source material(s)	Part(s)	Preparation(s)
Calendula	▶ Calendula	Calendula officinalis	Flower	Dried
officinalis	▶ Garden-marigold			
	<ul><li>Marigold</li></ul>			
	▶ Pot-marigold			
	► Ruddles			
	► Scotch-marigold			

References: Proper name: USDA 2018; Common names: McGuffin et al. 2000, Wiersema and León 1999; Source information: Bradley 2006, Mills and Bone 2005.

#### **Route of administration**

**Topical** 

## Dosage form(s)

The following dosage forms are acceptable when used according to the requirements indicated in this monograph: Cream; Gel; Liquid; Ointment; Salve; Solution; Spray.



# Use(s) or Purpose(s)

- ▶ (Traditionally) used in Herbal Medicine to aid in wound healing (Bradley 2006; Hoffmann 2003; Ellingwood 1983; Felter and Lloyd 1983).
- ▶ (Traditionally) used in Herbal Medicine to help relieve skin inflammations and irritations (Bradley 2006; Hoffmann 2003; ESCOP 2003; Blumenthal et al. 2000; Felter and Lloyd 1983).

The following combined use(s) or purpose(s) is/are also acceptable:

(Traditionally) used in Herbal Medicine to aid in wound healing and help relieve skin inflammations and irritations (Bradley 2006; Hoffmann 2003; ESCOP 2003; Blumenthal et al. 2000; Ellingwood 1983; Felter and Lloyd 1983).

#### Note

Claims for traditional use must include the term "Herbal Medicine", "Traditional Chinese Medicine", or "Ayurveda".

## Dose(s)

# **Subpopulation(s)**

Children 2 to 11 years, adolescents 12 to 17 years, and adults 18 years and older (McIntyre 2005; Schilcher 1997; Bove 1996).

# Quantity(ies)

Liquid dosage forms: Liquid, Solution, Spray

Methods of preparation: Decoction, Infusion, Oil infused

90 - 100% of extract in the finished product (EMA 2018).

Methods of preparation: Tincture, Fluid extract

1 - 100% of extract in the finished product (EMA 2018; Saunders 2000).

Semi-solid dosage forms: Cream, Gel, Ointment, Salve

Methods of preparation: Dry, Powder

2 - 20% of dried flower in semi-solid dosage forms (Bradley 2006, ESCOP 2003).

Methods of preparation: Tincture, Fluid extract





5 - 10% of extract in semi-solid dosage forms (Bradley 2006).

**Note**: For liquid and semi-solid dosage forms, the extracts are prepared as follows: Tincture (1:2 to 1:5); Fluid extract (1:1); Decoction or Infusion: 1-2 g of dried flower in 150-250 ml of water; Oil infused (1:10) (EMA 2018, ESCOP 2003, Saunders 2000).

# **Direction(s) for use**

All products

Apply to affected areas as needed.

Tincture, Fluid extract (Optional)

Dilute 1 part of Calendula extract with 3 parts of freshly boiled, warm water. Soak the compress and apply to the affected areas for 30-60 minutes. Change the compress several times per day (EMA 2018; Bradley 2006).

Infusion, decoction (Optional)

Use the undiluted extract. Soak the compress and apply to the affected areas for 30-60 minutes. Change the compress several times per day (Bradley 2006; Saunders 2000).

## **Duration(s) of use**

No statement required.

#### **Risk information**

## Caution(s) and warning(s)

- ► Consult a health care practitioner/health care provider/health care professional/doctor/physician if symptoms persist or worsen.
- ► Consult a health care practitioner/health care provider/health care professional/doctor/physician prior to use if you are pregnant.

# **Contraindication(s)**

No statement required.

# **Known adverse reaction(s)**

Stop use if hypersensitivity/allergy occurs (Brinker 2010; Mills and Bone 2005).





# Non-medicinal ingredients

Must be chosen from the current Natural Health Products Ingredients Database (NHPID) and must meet the limitations outlined in the database.

# **Storage conditions**

No statement required.

# **Specifications**

- ▶ The finished product specifications must be established in accordance with the requirements described in the Natural and Non-prescription Health Products Directorate (NNHPD) Quality of Natural Health Products Guide.
- ▶ The medicinal ingredient must comply with the requirements outlined in the NHPID.

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