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# PRODUCT INFORMATION



# **Phenytoin**

Item No. 24037

CAS Registry No.: 57-41-0

Formal Name: 5,5-diphenyl-2,4-imidazolidinedione Synonyms: 5,5-Diphenylhydantoin, NSC 8722

MF:  $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_2$ FW: 252.3 **Purity:** ≥98%

Supplied as: A crystalline solid

Storage: 4°C Stability: ≥2 years

Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.

**Laboratory Procedures** 

Phenytoin is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the phenytoin in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. Phenytoin is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of phenytoin in ethanol is approximately 15 mg/ml and approximately 25 mg/ml in DMSO and DMF.

Phenytoin is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, phenytoin should first be dissolved in DMSO and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. Phenytoin has a solubility of approximately 0.5 mg/ml in a 1:1 solution of DMSO:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

## Description

Phenytoin is an anticonvulsant agent and active metabolite of fosphenytoin (Item No. 23889). Phenytoin is formed from fosphenytoin by tissue phosphatases.<sup>1</sup> It inhibits neuronal voltage-gated sodium channels in a voltage-dependent manner.<sup>2</sup> Phenytoin reduces the neuronal firing frequency and decreases the amplitude of excitatory post-synaptic potentials (EPSPs) in electrically stimulated rat corticostriatal slices  $(EC_{50}s = 42.8 \text{ and } 33.5 \mu\text{M}, \text{ respectively}).^3 \text{ It protects against seizures induced by maximal electroshock}$ (MES) in mice (ED<sub>50</sub> = 10 mg/kg).<sup>4</sup> Formulations containing phenytoin have been used in the treatment of tonic-clonic seizures and status epilepticus.

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