

All vaginal estrogens effective for genitourinary sx of menopause

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(HealthDay)—All vaginal estrogens are effective for women with genitourinary syndrome of menopause, according to a review published online Nov. 5 in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

David D. Rahn, M.D., from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, and colleagues conducted a systematic review to provide clinical practice guidelines relating to vaginal estrogen and its alternatives for [women](#) with genitourinary syndrome of [menopause](#). Data were reviewed from 44 eligible studies.

The researchers found that, compared to placebo, vaginal estrogen preparations improved dryness, dyspareunia, urinary urgency and frequency, and stress and urge urinary incontinence. Similar efficacy and

safety was seen for the various estrogen preparations; for all except high-dose conjugated equine estrogen cream serum, estradiol levels remained within postmenopausal norms. Among those receiving vaginal estrogen, endometrial hyperplasia and adenocarcinoma were extremely rare. Patients with two or more symptoms of vulvovaginal atrophy were considerably more improved using vaginal estrogens than nonhormonal moisturizers, whereas similar symptom resolution was seen with vaginal estrogen and nonhormonal moisturizers for those with one or minor complaints.

"In conclusion, this systematic [review](#) of randomized trials and prospective comparative studies of vaginal estrogen and common alternative therapies confirms the efficacy of all commercially available vaginal estrogens for the management of genitourinary syndrome of menopause," the authors write.

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