

Abstract

Nonabsorbent products and douche compositions for
5 cleansing and placement within the vagina contain an
amount of a compound effective to inhibit the production
of toxic shock syndrome toxin-1 and Enterotoxins A, B
and C when the products are brought into contact with
the bacteria. The products and compositions of this
10 invention are also effective in combatting streptococcal
pyrogenic exotoxin and hemolysin production by Groups A,
B, F and G streptococci. The compound is selected from
the group consisting of monoesters of a polyhydric
aliphatic alcohol and a C₈-C₁₈ fatty acid; diesters of a
15 polyhydric aliphatic alcohol and a C₈-C₁₈ fatty acid; and
mixtures thereof. The monoesters and diesters have at
least one hydroxyl group associated with their aliphatic
alcohol residue.

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