### f. Discard date

The products are pessaries and so will attract a 3-month discard date.

**g.** Sample label (you can assume that the name and address of the pharmacy and the words 'Keep out of the reach of children' are pre-printed on the label):

#### Ichthammol Pessaries 5%

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Insert ONE into the vagina when required.

For vaginal use only Do not use after (3 months)

Each suppository contains:

Ichthammol BP 5% Glycero-gelatin Base BP 95%

Miss Jenny Tibbs Date of dispensing

### 7. Advice to patient

The patient would be advised to insert one pessary into the vagina when required. In addition, the discard date and the fact that the product is for vaginal use only would be highlighted to the patient.

## Example 7.4

# The preparation of Compound Bismuth Subgallate Suppositories BP

You receive a prescription in your pharmacy with the following details.

Patient: Mr Arnold Beach, 2 Springfield Road, Astonbury

**Age:** 38

**Prescription:** Compound Bismuth Subgallate Suppositories BP

**Directions:** Insert i prn

Mitte: 6

### 1. Use of the product

Used as an astringent to treat haemorrhoids (*British National Formulary* 51st edn, p 64).

## 2. Is it safe and suitable for the intended purpose?

This is an official preparation therefore the formula is safe and suitable for purpose.

## 3. Calculation of formula for preparation

Prepare 6 suppositories.