

Powder	A preparation consisting of one or more components in fine powder. It may be in bulk form or individually wrapped quantities and is intended for oral administration.
Suppository	A solid dosage form intended for insertion into the rectum for local or systemic treatment.
Syrup	A liquid preparation containing a high proportion of sucrose or other sweetening agent.
Tablet	A solid oral dosage form where one or more medicaments are compressed and moulded into shape.
Trituration	This is the term applied to the incorporation, into the base, of finely divided insoluble powders or liquids. The powders are placed on the tile and the base is incorporated using the 'doubling-up' technique. Liquids are usually incorporated by placing a small amount of ointment base on a tile and making a 'well' in the centre. Small quantities of liquid are then added and mixed in. Take care not to form air pockets that contain liquid, which, if squeezed when using inappropriate mixing action, will spray fluid on the compounder and surrounding area.

Appendix 2

Abbreviations commonly used within pharmacy

aa.	ana	of each
a.c.	ante cibum	before food
ad/add	addendus	to be added (up to)
ad lib	ad libitum	as much as desired
alt	alternus	alternate
alt die	alterno die	every other day
amp	ampulla	ampoule
applic	applicetur	let it be applied
aq	aqua	water
aq ad	aquam ad	water up to
aur/aurist	auristillae	ear drops
BNF		<i>British National Formulary</i>
BP		<i>British Pharmacopoeia</i>
BPC		<i>British Pharmaceutical Codex</i>
bd/bid	bis in die	twice a day
c	cum	with
cap	capsula	capsule
cc	cum cibus	with food
co/comp	compositus	compound
collut	collutorium	mouthwash
conc	concentratus	concentrated
corp	corpori	to the body
crem	cremor	cream
d	dies	a day