

In addition, the product contains coal tar and so the following warning should be added to the label: 'Caution: may stain hair, skin and fabrics'.

- d. Directions to patient – interpretation of Latin abbreviations where necessary
'Apply ONCE or TWICE a day.'
- e. Recommended *British National Formulary* cautions when suitable
Not applicable.
- f. Discard date
The product is an ointment 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):

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| Calamine and Coal Tar Ointment BP | 20 g |
| Apply ONCE or TWICE a day. | |
| For external use only | |
| Caution: may stain hair, skin and fabrics | |
| Do not use after (3 months) | |
| Mr Kenny Doyle | Date of dispensing |

7. Advice to patient

The patient would be advised to apply the ointment once or twice a day. In addition, the discard date, the fact that the product is for external use only and that it may stain hair, skin and fabrics would be highlighted to the patient.

Example 6.3

The preparation of Zinc Ointment BP

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

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| Patient: | Master John Pike, 234 High Street, Astonbury |
| Age: | 2 |
| Prescription: | Zinc Ointment BP |
| Directions: | paa qds |
| Mitte: | 20 g |

1. Use of the product

For nappy and urinary rash and eczematous conditions (*British National Formulary* 51st edn, p 571).

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

This is an official preparation, therefore the formula is safe