

Inhalation	A preparation in which the active principle is drawn into the respiratory tract by inhalation. The active principle may be vapour when it is obtained from a liquid preparation by volatilisation, or it may be a solid when a special appliance, often an aerosol, is needed.
Injection	A preparation intended for parenteral administration which may consist of an aqueous or non-aqueous solution or suspension.
Irrigation	A solution intended for introduction into body cavities or deep wounds. Includes nasal and vaginal douches.
Levigation	This is the term applied to the incorporation into the base of insoluble coarse powders. It is often termed 'wet grinding'. It is the process where the powder is rubbed down with either the molten base or semi-solid base. A considerable shearing force is applied to avoid a gritty product.
Linctus	A viscous liquid preparation, usually containing sucrose, which is administered in small dose volumes and which should be sipped and swallowed slowly without the addition of water.
Liniment	A liquid or semi-liquid intended for application to intact skin, usually with considerable friction produced by massaging with the hand.
Lotion	A liquid preparation intended for application to the skin without friction. Eye lotions are lotions intended for application to the eye.
Lozenge	A solid oral preparation consisting of medicaments incorporated in a flavoured base and intended to dissolve or disintegrate slowly in the mouth.
Mixture	Liquid oral preparation consisting of one or more medicaments dissolved, suspended or diffused in an aqueous vehicle.
Mouthwash	An aqueous solution, often in concentrated form, intended for local treatment of the membranous lining of the mouth and gums.
Ointment	A semi-solid preparation consisting of one or more medicaments dissolved or dispersed in a suitable base and intended for application to the skin.
Paint	A liquid preparation intended for application to the skin or mucous membranes.
Pastille	A solid oral preparation consisting of one or more medicaments in an inert base and intended to dissolve slowly in the mouth.
Pessary	A solid dosage form intended for insertion into the vagina for local treatment.
Pill	A solid oral dose form consisting of one or more medicaments incorporated in a spherical or ovoid mass.
Poultice	A thick pasty preparation intended for application to the skin whilst hot.