

Preparation	Container	Important auxiliary labels	Suggested discard date
Dusting Powders	Plastic jar preferably with a perforated, reclosable lid	For external use only Not to be applied to open wounds or raw weeping surfaces Store in a dry place	3 months
Ear Drops	Hexagonal amber fluted glass bottle with a rubber teat and dropper closure	For external use only	4 weeks
Elixirs	Plain amber medicine bottle with CRC		4 weeks
Emulsions	Plain amber medicine bottle with CRC	Shake the bottle	4 weeks
Enemas	Amber fluted bottle with CRC	For rectal use only* Warm to body temperature before use	4 weeks
Gargles and Mouthwashes	Amber fluted bottle with CRC	Not to be taken* Do not swallow in large amounts	4 weeks
Inhalations	Amber fluted bottle with CRC	Not to be taken* Shake the bottle	4 weeks
Linctuses	Plain amber medicine bottle with CRC		4 weeks
Liniments and Lotions	Amber fluted bottle with CRC	For external use only Shake the bottle Avoid broken skin	4 weeks
Mixtures and Suspensions	Plain amber medicine bottle with CRC	Shake the bottle	4 weeks
Nasal Drops	Hexagonal amber fluted glass bottle with a rubber teat and dropper closure	Not to be taken*	4 weeks
Ointments	Amber glass jar	For external use only	3 months
Pastes	Amber glass jar	For external use only	3 months
Pessaries	Wrapped in foil and packed in an amber glass jar	For vaginal use only*	3 months
Powders (individual)	Wrapped in powder papers and packed in a cardboard carton	Store in a dry place Dissolve or mix with water before taking See BNF for advisory labels recommended for active ingredient	3 months
Suppositories	Wrapped in foil and packed in an amber glass jar	For rectal use only* See BNF for advisory labels recommended for active ingredient	3 months

BNF – British National Formulary; CRC – Child Resistant Closure

* – See General principles of labelling below