

- f. Discard date
The products are suppositories 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):

Compound Bismuth Subgallate Suppositories BP	3
Insert ONE into the rectum when required.	
For rectal use only	
Do not use after (3 months)	
Mr Arnold Beach	Date of dispensing

7. Advice to patient

The patient would be advised to insert one suppository into the rectum when required after defecation. In addition, the discard date and the fact that the product is for rectal use only would be highlighted to the patient.

Self-assessment

Questions

1. Which of the following cautions is required on the label of all suppositories?
 - a. 'Warm to body temperature before use.'
 - b. 'For rectal use only.'
 - c. 'For external use only.'
 - d. 'Store in a cool place.'
2. Suppositories will normally attract a discard date of:
 - a. 2 weeks
 - b. 4 weeks
 - c. 1 month
 - d. 3 months
3. You are asked to prepare six 1 g suppositories each containing 200 mg of Zinc Oxide BP (displacement value = 4.7). How much Hard Fat BP base would be contained in each suppository?
 - a. 800 mg
 - b. 857.5 mg
 - c. 900 mg
 - d. 957.5 mg