

API is generally intended for gastrointestinal delivery and/or absorption.

**Oropharyngeal:** a route of administration characterized by deposition of a preparation into the oral cavity and/or pharyngeal region to exert a local or systemic effect.

**Otic:** a route of administration characterized by deposition of a preparation into, or by way of, the ear. Also referred to as aural.

**Otic Solution:** a solution intended for instillation in the outer ear.

**Otic Suspension:** a liquid preparation containing micronized particles intended for instillation in the outer ear.

## P

**Paste:** a semisolid dosage form that contains one or more drug substances intended for topical application. It generally contains a high concentration of solids (20% to 50%) and has a stiff consistency. It is intended for application to the skin, oral cavity, or mucous membranes.

**Pastille:** an aromatic preparation, often with a pleasing flavor, usually intended to dissolve in the mouth.

**Patch:** a drug delivery system that often contains an adhesive backing usually applied to an external site on the body. Its ingredients either passively diffuse from or are actively transported from some portion of the patch.

**Pellet:** see Bead. A small solid dosage form of uniform, often spherical, shape. Spherical pellets are sometimes referred to as beads. Pellets intended as implants must be sterile. (Also a solid granule or regular shape prepared by compaction, molding, or granulation.)

**Periodontal:** descriptive term for a preparation that is applied around a tooth for localized action.

**Pill:** a solid spherical dosage form usually prepared by a wet massing technique.

**Plaster:** a solid or semisolid mass supplied on a backing material and intended to provide prolonged contact with the skin.

**Pledget:** a small compress or tuft, usually of cotton or cotton wool, used to apply disinfectant or medicament to the skin.

**Poultice:** a soft, moist mass of meal, herbs, seed, etc., usually applied hot on a cloth that consists of gruel-like consistency.

**Powder:** an intimate mixture of dry, finely divided drug and/or chemicals that may be intended for internal (oral) or external (topical) use.

**Powder, Inhalation:** a powder containing an API for oral inhalation. The powder is used with a device that aerosolizes and delivers an accurately metered amount.

**Premix:** a mixture of one or more drug substances with a suitable vehicle.

**Prolonged-Release:** see Extended-Release.

**Pulsatile Release:** a release pattern of the active ingredient from the dosage form modified to release aliquots of the total dose at two or more time intervals.

## R

**Radiopharmaceuticals:** “radioactive pharmaceuticals,” or substances labeled with radioisotope and used for diagnostic imaging or therapy. Each name specifies the substance, the isotope, and the dosage form.

**Rectal:** a route of administration (mucosal) characterized by deposition into the rectum to provide local or systemic effect.

**Rinse:** a solution used to cleanse by flushing.

## S

**Salve:** a thick ointment or cerate (a fat- or wax-based preparation with a consistency between an ointment and a plaster).

**Semisolid:** attribute of a material characterized by a reduced ability to flow or conform to its container at room temperature. A semisolid does not flow at low shear stress and generally exhibits plastic flow behavior.

**Shampoo:** a solution, emulsion, or suspension used to clean the hair and scalp.

**Soap:** the alkali salt(s) of one or more fatty acids.

**Soft Gel Capsule:** a specific capsule type characterized by increased levels of plasticizers producing a more pliable and thicker-walled material than hard gelatin capsules. Soft gel capsules are further distinguished because they are single-piece sealed dosages. Frequently used for delivering liquid compositions.

**Solution:** a liquid preparation that contains one or more dissolved (molecularly dispersed) chemical substances in a suitable solvent or mixture of miscible solvents; it may be oral, topical, otic, or ophthalmic. A clear, homogeneous liquid dosage form that contains one or more chemical substances dissolved in a solvent or mixture of mutually miscible solvents.

**Solution, Concentrate:** a liquid preparation (i.e., a substance that flows readily in its natural state) that contains a drug dissolved in a suitable solvent or mixture of mutually miscible solvents; the drug has been strengthened by the evaporation of its nonactive parts.

**Spirit:** an alcoholic or hydroalcoholic solution of volatile substances prepared usually by simple solution or by admixture of the ingredients.