

Continue the heating until the product weighs 100 g. When used as a pessary base, heat at 100 °C for one hour before incorporating the medicament.

Note: This product should not be confused with glycerol suppositories, where glycerol is the medicament.

Use: As a suppository or pessary base for the incorporation of other drugs.

Inhalations

Inhalations are liquid preparations containing volatile substances that, on vaporisation, are intended to be brought into contact with the respiratory tract. Used as nasal decongestants.

Containers and storage: Inhalations should be dispensed in fluted bottles.

Method: The following inhalations should be prepared without the aid of heat.

Labelling: Containers should be labelled

CAUTION: NOT TO BE TAKEN.

Instructions for use to be provided to patients:

- Add 5 mL to approximately 500 mL of hot (not boiling) water.
- Inhale the vapours for five to 10 minutes.

benzoin and menthol inhalation

menthol 1 g
compound benzoin tincture to 50 mL

menthol inhalation

menthol 1 g
ethanol (90%) to 50 mL

menthol and pine inhalation *compound menthol inhalation*

menthol 1 g
pumilio pine oil* 2.5 mL
ethanol (90%) to 50 mL

**Melaleuca alternifolia* oil (tea-tree oil) may be substituted.

Insufflations

Insufflations are powders intended for introduction into the ear, nose, throat, body cavities or wounds.

Containers and storage: Well-sealed containers should be used, and storage should be at temperatures below 25 °C unless specified otherwise.

iodine insufflation

iodine 0.8 g
potassium iodide 0.4 g
anaesthetic ether 10 mL
lactose, in fine powder 98.8 g

Method: Dissolve the iodine and potassium iodide in the anaesthetic ether in a glass mortar. Add the lactose and mix quickly. Allow ether to evaporate. Protect from heat or iodine will volatilise.

Note: The preparation may be introduced into the ear via a tube (e.g. a straw).

Caution: Ether is extremely flammable.

Use: Antiseptic.

Irrigations

The following sterile solutions are intended for use as bladder irrigations.

Containers and storage: Impervious containers with a seal should be used. Storage should be at temperatures less than 25 °C unless specified otherwise.

Labelling: The label should state the date of manufacture and bear the message CAUTION: NOT TO BE TAKEN. There should be a label indicating that any portion of the solution not used after the seal is first broken should be discarded—e.g. USE ONCE AND DISCARD ANY RESIDUE.

acetic acid irrigation

acetic acid (33% w/w) 6 mL
water for injections BP to 100 mL

Strength: Contains about 2% w/v of acetic acid (limits 1.88 to 2.15% w/v of C₂H₄O₂).

Method: Sterilise by heating in an autoclave.

Use: Antibacterial.