Part V

Containers

A Pharmacy Contractor shall supply in a suitable container any drug that he is required to supply under Part 2 of the Second Schedule to the Regulations.

Capsules, tablets, pills, pulvules etc. shall be supplied in airtight containers of glass, aluminium or rigid plastics; card containers may be used only for foil/strip packed tablets etc. For ointments, creams, pastes, card containers shall not be used.

Eye, ear and nasal drops shall be supplied in dropper bottles, or with a separate dropper where appropriate.

Provision for supply of either a 5ml plastic measuring spoon (which shall comply with BS 3221:Part 6:1987), or a 1ml, 5ml or 10ml plastic oral syringe measure with every oral liquid medicine, except where the manufacturer's pack includes one. Plastic oral syringe measures must be clearly labelled 'oral' and/or 'enteral' in a large font size, comply with appropriate British or European Standards (BS 3221:Part 7:1995 or an equivalent European Standard for the 5ml syringe) and be wrapped together with a bottle adaptor and instructions. Choice of whether a spoon or syringe (and its size) is supplied will depend on the nature of the medication regime.

In very exceptional circumstances, or where specifically requested by the prescriber dilution may still take place. The prescription should be endorsed accordingly.

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