

MCQs Pharmaceutics I

Pharmaceutics I Unit I

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<u>Historical background and development of profession of pharmacy: Histor of profession of</u> <u>Pharmacy in India in relation to pharmacy education, industry and organization, Pharmacy as a</u> <u>career</u>

Pharmacopoeias: Introduction to IP, BP, USP and Extra Pharmacopoeia.

Dosage forms: Introduction to dosage forms, classification and definitions

Prescription: Definition, Parts of prescription, handling of Prescription and Errors in prescription.

Posology: Definition, Factors affecting posology. Pediatric dose calculations based on age, body weight and body surface area.

1. The first examination for chemists and druggists in India, marking the beginning of the formal pharmacy profession, was held in:

- A. 1841
- B. 1868
- C. 1870
- D. 1881

2. Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray founded the first pharmaceutical company in India, Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceutical Works, in

- A. 1900
- B. 1901
- C. 1905
- D. 1910

3. The Pharmacy Act of 1948 established the:

- A. Indian Pharmacopoeial Committee
- B. Pharmacy Council of India
- C. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority
- D. Central Drugs Standard Control Organization



4. Which of the following is NOT a traditional system of medicine practiced in India?

- A. Ayurveda
- B. Allopathy
- C. Unani
- D. Homeopathy

5. The first edition of the Indian Pharmacopoeia was published in:

- A. 1930
- B. 1945
- C. 1955
- D. 1960

6. The minimum education requirement for practicing as a pharmacist in India is a:

- A. Certificate course
- B. Diploma in Pharmacy (D.Pharm)
- C. Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm)
- D. Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D)

7. The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) regulates education for:

- A. D.Pharm only
- B. B.Pharm and D.Pharm
- C. M.Pharm and above
- D. All pharmacy degrees

8. Traditionally, pharmacy education in India has been focused on:

- A. Research and development
- B. Industry and product knowledge
- C. Clinical pharmacy
- D. Public health policy

9. The Drugs and Cosmetics Act of 1940 aimed to:



- A. Establish pharmacy education standards
- B. Regulate the sale and quality of drugs
- C. Promote research in pharmaceuticals
- D. Form a national pharmacy association

10. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) is responsible for:

- A. Setting drug prices in India
- B. Licensing pharmaceutical companies
- C. Conducting drug safety studies
- D. Managing pharmacy education

11. Pharmacists in India can work in various settings, including:

- A. Hospitals only
- B. Community pharmacies
- C. Pharmaceutical companies
- D. All of the above

12. Skills required for a successful pharmacy career include:

- A. Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- B. Expertise in surgery
- C. Proficiency in coding and billing
- D. Specialization in a specific disease

13. The Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) is a reference book containing standards for:

- A. Food products
- B. Ayurvedic medicines
- C. Allopathic medicines
- D. Cosmetic ingredients

14. The British Pharmacopoeia (BP) is a pharmacopoeia published by the:

A. Indian Pharmacopoeial Committee



- B. Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (UK)
- C. United States Pharmacopeia Convention
- D. World Health Organization

15. The United States Pharmacopeia (USP) is a pharmacopoeia published by the:

- A. Indian Council of Medical Research
- B. Pharmacy Council of India
- C. United States Pharmacopeia Convention
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (India)

16. Extra Pharmacopeia refers to:

- A. Official standards for new drugs not yet included in national pharmacopoeias
- B. Traditional herbal remedies
- C. Over-the-counter medications
- D. Banned and unsafe drugs

17. Pharmacopoeias are important because they ensure:

- A. Brand recognition for drugs
- B. Consistent quality, safety, and efficacy of medications
- C. High marketing potential for drugs
- D. Affordable prices

18. Dosage forms refer to:

- A. The raw chemical form of a drug
- B. The way a drug is delivered into the body
- C. The brand name of a medication
- D. The recommended dose of a drug

19. The main classifications of dosage forms include:

- A. Solids, liquids, and gases only
- B. Solids, liquids, semisolids, and inhalants
- C. Tablets, capsules, and syrups only
- D. Prescription and over-the-counter



20. Tablets are an example of a:

- A. Liquid dosage form
- B. Solid dosage form
- C. Semisolid dosage form
- D. Inhalant dosage form

21. Creams and ointments are classified as:

- A. Solids
- B. Liquids
- C. Semisolids
- D. Inhalants

22. Suppositories are dosage forms intended for:

- A. Oral administration
- B. Topical application
- C. Rectal or vaginal insertion
- D. Inhalation

23. A prescription is a written order from a licensed healthcare professional for:

- A. Over-the-counter medications only
- B. Prescription medications only
- C. Any type of medication
- D. Medical procedures

24. The standard parts of a prescription typically include:

- A. Doctor's name and signature only
- B. Patient's name, medication, dosage, and directions
- C. Drug company information
- D. Pharmacy name and address



25. Pharmacists play a crucial role in:

- A. Writing prescriptions
- B. Dispensing medications according to prescriptions
- C. Manufacturing medications
- D. Conducting clinical trials

26. Errors in prescriptions can lead to:

- A. Increased sales for drug companies
- B. Serious health risks for patients
- C. Faster medication approval
- D. More efficient pharmacy workflow

27. Pharmacists should carefully review prescriptions for:

- A. Brand names only
- B. Dosage accuracy, potential interactions, and allergies
- C. Expiry date of the medication
- D. Doctor's handwriting clarity only

28. When dispensing medications, pharmacists should provide patients with:

- A. Just the medication
- B. Instructions on proper use and storage
- C. Information about potential side effects only
- D. Recommendations for alternative therapies

29. Expired medications should be:

- A. Dispensed at a discount
- B. Discarded safely
- C. Repackaged with a new expiry date
- D. Donated to charity

30. Controlled substances are medications with a high potential for:



- A. Allergic reactions
- B. Addiction and misuse
- C. Lack of effectiveness
- D. Severe side effects

31. Prescriptions for controlled substances typically require:

- A. No special handling
- B. Stricter regulations and documentation
- C. Lower copay for patients
- D. Faster refills

32. Refills for medications can only be authorized by:

- A. The pharmacist
- B. The prescribing healthcare professional
- C. The patient
- D. The pharmacy manager

33. It is important for patients to:

- A. Never question their prescriptions
- B. Maintain open communication with their healthcare providers and pharmacists
- C. Take all medications as prescribed, even if they feel well
- D. Share their medications with friends and family

34. Pharmacists can help to ensure medication adherence by:

- A. Offering medication reminders
- B. Providing education on medication benefits and risks
- C. Compounding medications without a prescription
- D. Advocating for lower medication costs

35. When a patient experiences side effects from a medication, they should:

A. Continue taking the medication as prescribed



- B. Discuss the side effects with their healthcare provider
- C. Stop taking the medication without consulting a healthcare professional
- D. Increase the dosage to manage side effects

36. Over-the-counter (OTC) medications are available for purchase:

- A. Only with a prescription
- B. Without a prescription, but with pharmacist consultation recommended
- C. Through online retailers only
- D. At any price point, regardless

37. Posology refers to the study of:

- A. Drug interactions
- B. The science of dosage
- C. Medication packaging
- D. Drug discovery

38. Factors affecting posology can include:

- A. Age only
- B. Age, weight, and renal function
- C. Dosage form only
- D. Brand name of the medication

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- A. Age alone
- B. Age, weight, or body surface area
- C. Height only
- D. Dosage form and brand name

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42. Which of the following is NOT a common method for calculating pediatric doses based on body surface area?

- A. BSA rule of thumb
- B. Calvert formula
- C. Mosteller formula
- D. Haycock formula

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- A. Round the dose to the nearest whole number
- B. Consider the specific needs and condition of the child
- C. Ignore any potential drug interactions
- D. Use the same formula for all medications

44. A common error in pediatric dosing can occur by:

- A. Using an adult dose without adjustment
- B. Not considering the child's allergies
- C. Selecting the wrong dosage form
- D. All of the above

45. Pharmacists play a crucial role in ensuring accurate pediatric dosing by:

- A. Only dispensing medications prescribed by pediatricians
- B. Verifying calculations and recommending adjustments if needed
- C. Encouraging parents to purchase over-the-counter medications for children
- D. Providing advice on alternative therapies for children

46. When dispensing medications for children, pharmacists should educate parents/caregivers on:

- A. The proper storage of the medication only
- B. The importance of following the prescribed dosage and directions
- C. Potential side effects without mentioning benefits
- D. How to administer the medication without demonstrating





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- A. Marketing new medications
- B. Ensuring safe and effective medication use in children
- C. Increasing medication adherence in adults only
- D. Reducing pharmacy wait times

48. Technological advancements can help to improve pediatric dosing accuracy by:

- A. Allowing pharmacists to prescribe medications
- B. Providing electronic dosing calculators
- C. Encouraging self-diagnosis in children
- D. Replacing human interaction in medication dispensing

49. It is important to stay updated on the latest recommendations for pediatric dosing because:

- A. Regulations change frequently for marketing purposes
- B. Children's bodies are constantly developing, requiring adjustments
- C. Newer medications may have different dosing requirements
- D. All of the above

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Pharmaceitics I unit II.

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<u>Powders</u>: Definition, classification, advantages and disadvantages, Simple compound powders – official preparations, dusting powders, effervescent, efflorescent and hygroscopic powders, eutectic mixtures. Geometric dilutions.

<u>Liquid dosage forms</u>: Advantages and disadvantages of liquid dosage forms Excipients used in formulation of liquid dosage forms. Solubility enhancement techniques

1. Units of measurement in the metric system are based on:

- A. The inch and pound
- B. The meter and kilogram
- C. The gallon and ounce
- D. A combination of A and C

2. Converting between the metric and imperial systems requires:

A. Simple multiplication



- B. Knowledge of conversion factors
- C. Ignoring the decimal point
- D. Rounding to the nearest whole number

3. To convert grams (g) to milligrams (mg), you would:

- A. Divide by 1000
- B. Multiply by 1000
- C. Divide by 100
- D. Multiply by 100

4. A common unit of volume in the imperial system is the:

- A. Liter
- B. Milliliter (mL)
- C. Fluid ounce (fl oz)
- D. Cubic centimeter (cm³)

5. When preparing a 10% w/v solution, you dissolve:

- 1A. 0 g of solute in 1 mL of solvent
- B. 10 mL of solute in 100 mL of solvent
- C. 10 g of solute in 100 mL of solvent
- D. The concentration is too low, impossible to achieve

6. Alligation is a method used to calculate the:

- A. Chemical reaction rate
- B. Mixing ratio for desired solution strength
- C. Expiry date of a medication
- D. Bioavailability of a drug

7. Proof spirit is a:

- A. Pure form of alcohol
- B. Mixture of alcohol and water with a specific ethanol content (around 50%)



- D. Type of antibiotic medication
- D. Measurement of drug potency

8. Isotonic solutions have the same:

- A. Chemical composition
- B. Freezing point
- C. Color and viscosity
- D. pH level

9. To calculate the freezing point depression of a solution, you need to know the:

- A. Dosage form of the medication
- B. Molecular weight of the solute and its molality
- C. Brand name of the drug
- D. Expiry date of the solvent

10. A lower molecular weight of a solute will generally result in:

- A. A higher freezing point depression
- B. No change in freezing point
- C. A higher boiling point
- D. A slower rate of absorption

11. Pharmacists use their knowledge of pharmaceutical calculations to:

- A. Recommend the best brand of medication
- B. Accurately measure and prepare medications
- C. Diagnose and treat diseases
- D. Develop new medications

12. Accurate calculations are crucial in pharmacy to avoid:

- A. Increased medication costs
- B. Medication errors and potential harm to patients
- C. Faster pharmacy wait times



D. Expired medications being dispensed

13. When converting between units, it is important to:

- A. Round to the nearest whole number at each step
- B. Pay attention to significant figures and use proper rounding rules
- C. Ignore the decimal point altogether
- D. Always use the same conversion factor regardless of the units

14. Double-checking calculations is a recommended practice in pharmacy to:

- A. Impress the doctor
- B. Minimize the risk of errors
- C. Save time during dispensing
- D. Show expertise in pharmacology

15. Pharmacists can utilize technology, such as electronic calculators and software, to:

- A. Rely solely on technology and skip manual calculations
- B. Improve efficiency and accuracy in calculations
- C. Delegate all calculations to pharmacy technicians
- D. Access information about new medications only

16. Strong problem-solving skills are important for pharmacists because:

- A. They need to solve customer complaints quickly
- B. They may encounter complex dosing scenarios
- C. They need to convince patients to buy certain medications
- D. They manage pharmacy inventory levels

17. Keeping up-to-date with the latest pharmaceutical calculations is important for:

- A. Marketing new medications more effectively
- B. Ensuring the safe and effective use of medications
- C. Completing administrative tasks more efficiently
- D. Understanding the latest drug discovery research



18. When a pharmacist encounters an unclear prescription, they should:

- A. Guess the intended dose and dispense the medication
- B. Contact the prescribing healthcare professional for clarification
- C. Dispense a lower dose to avoid potential harm
- D. Substitute the medication with a similar brand

19. Effective communication with prescribers is essential to ensure:

- A. Faster prescription processing
- B. Accurate and safe medication use for patients
- C. Increased sales for pharmaceutical companies
- D. Reduced workload for pharmacists

20. Pharmacists play a vital role in the healthcare system by:

- A. Acting as salespeople for drug companies
- B. Ensuring the safe and effective use of medications
- C. Focusing solely on dispensing medications
- D. Diagnosing and treating illnesses themselves

21. Powders are a dosage form consisting of:

- A. Liquids only
- B. Finely divided dry particles
- C. Gaseous substances
- D. A combination of A and C

22. Powders can be classified according to:

- A. Color and taste only
- B. Particle size, intended use, and complexity
- C. Brand name of the drug
- D. Expiry date of the ingredients



23. Advantages of powders include:

- A. Difficulty in swallowing
- B. Ease of administration, dosage flexibility, and stability
- C. Unpleasant taste
- D. Short shelf life

24. Disadvantages of powders include:

- A. Easy and accurate measurement
- B. Bulkiness, potential for caking, and unpleasant taste
- C. Long shelf life
- D. Reduced risk of errors

25. Simple powders contain:

- A. A single ingredient only
- B. Two or more ingredients with similar physical properties
- C. A liquid mixed with dry ingredients
- D. A medication mixed with a flavored base

26. Compound powders contain:

- A. A single ingredient only
- B. Two or more ingredients with potentially different physical properties
- C. A liquid mixed with dry ingredients
- D. A medication mixed with a flavored base

27. Official preparations are powders listed in pharmacopoeias, such as:

- A. Only brand-name medications
- B. Any type of powder medication
- C. Powders for external use only
- D. Powders compounded by pharmacists

28. Dusting powders are intended for:



A. Internal use

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- B. External application to absorb moisture or promote healing
- C. Dissolving in water for oral administration
- D. Sublingual administration

29. Effervescent powders:

- A. Release gas upon contact with water
- B. Absorb moisture from the air
- C. Form a sticky mass when exposed to air
- D. Change color when exposed to light

30. Efflorescent powders:

- A. Release gas upon contact with water
- B. Lose water molecules and become powdery when exposed to air
- C. Form a sticky mass when exposed to air
- D. Change color when exposed to light

31. Hygroscopic powders:

- A. Release gas upon contact with water
- B. Absorb moisture from the air
- C. Form a sticky mass when exposed to air
- D. Change color when exposed to light

32. Eutectic mixtures are:

- A. Combinations of drugs with undesirable interactions
- B. Liquid mixtures that solidify at a lower temperature than either component alone
- C. Powders that are difficult to mix evenly
- D. Powders that are highly flammable

33. Geometric dilution is a technique used for:

A. Mixing potent drugs with bulking agents



- B. Preparing effervescent powders
- C. Adding flavorings to powders
- D. Converting liquids to powders

34. Geometric dilution involves:

- A. Mixing equal parts of a drug with a diluent
- B. Serially diluting a drug in a geometric progression (e.g., 1:10, 1:100)
- C. Adding a fixed amount of diluent to a drug
- D. Dissolving a drug in a specific solvent

35. Geometric dilution is important for ensuring:

- A. Consistent potency throughout the powder mixture
- B. Faster absorption of the medication
- C. A pleasant taste for the patient
- D. A longer shelf life for the powder

36. Pharmacists need to be aware of the properties of powders to:

- A. Recommend the most expensive brand
- B. Select appropriate containers and storage conditions
- C. Market powders more effectively
- D. Delegate all powder dispensing to technicians

37. Proper dispensing techniques are crucial for powders to avoid:

- A. Increased sales for the pharmacy
- B. Segregation of ingredients and inaccurate dosing
- C. Faster processing of prescriptions
- D. Expired medications being dispensed

38. When dispensing powders, pharmacists should provide patients with:

A. Just the medication



B. Instructions on proper use and storage, including potential for caking, and how to properly measure the dose if applicable.

- C. Information about potential side effects only
- D. Recommendations for alternative therapies

39. Advantages of liquid dosage forms include:

- A. Difficulty in swallowing for some patients
- B. Ease of administration, especially for children or those with swallowing problems
- C. Faster absorption compared to some solids
- D. All of the above

40. Disadvantages of liquid dosage forms include:

- A. Easy and accurate measurement
- B. Bulky for storage and transport, potential for instability
- C. Long shelf life
- D. Reduced risk of errors

41. Excipients are inactive ingredients added to liquid dosage forms to:

- A. Increase the price of the medication
- B. Improve stability, taste, and other properties
- C. Make the medication more addictive
- D. Change the color of the medication for marketing purposes

42. Examples of excipients used in liquids include:

- A. Only coloring agents
- B. Solvents, suspending agents, sweeteners, thickeners, and preservatives
- C. Only flavorings
- D. Only active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs)

43. Solubility enhancement techniques are used to:

A. Make medications more expensive



- B. Improve the ability of a drug to dissolve in a liquid
- C. Change the color of the medication
- D. Mask the unpleasant taste of some medications

44. Common solubility enhancement techniques include:

- A. Adding salt forms of the drug
- B. Using particle size reduction
- C. Employing complexation with cyclodextrins
- D. All of the above

45. Controlling the pH of a liquid dosage form can impact:

- A. The color of the medication only
- B. The stability and solubility of the drug
- C. The taste of the medication only
- D. The marketing strategy for the medication

46. Preservatives are added to liquid dosage forms to:

- A. Improve the taste
- B. Prevent microbial growth
- C. Change the color
- D. Increase the potency

47. Alcohol is sometimes used as a solvent or preservative in liquid medications, but pharmacists should be aware of potential:

- A. Increased marketing costs
- B. Interactions with other medications or patient conditions
- C. Faster absorption of the drug only
- D. A more pleasant taste for patients

48. When dispensing liquid medications, pharmacists should provide patients with:

A. Just the medication bottle



- B. Instructions on proper use, storage, and how to measure the correct dose
- C. Information about potential side effects only
- D. Recommendations for alternative therapies without explaining the benefits of the medication

49. Proper storage of liquid medications is crucial to ensure:

- A. Faster absorption by the body
- B. Potency, stability, and effectiveness
- C. A more pleasant taste for the patient
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50. Liquid dosage forms can be a convenient option for some patients, but pharmacists need to consider the:

- A. Brand name of the medication
- B. Specific needs and preferences of the patient, along with the medication properties
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- 32. Eutectic mixtures are: **B. Liquid mixtures that solidify at a lower temperature than either component alone**



- 33. Geometric dilution is a technique used for: A. Mixing potent drugs with bulking agents
- 34. Geometric dilution involves: A. Mixing equal parts of a drug with a diluent
- 35. Geometric dilution is important for ensuring: **A. Consistent potency throughout the powder mixture**
- 36. Pharmacists need to be aware of the properties of powders to: **B. Select appropriate containers and storage conditions**
- 37. Proper dispensing techniques are crucial for powders to avoid: **B. Segregation of ingredients** and inaccurate dosing
- 38. When dispensing powders, pharmacists should provide patients with: **B. Instructions on** proper use and storage, including potential for caking, and how to properly measure the dose if applicable.
- 39. Advantages of liquid dosage forms include: **B. Ease of administration, especially for** children or those with swallowing problems
- 40. Disadvantages of liquid dosage forms include: **B. Bulky for storage and transport, potential for instability**
- 41. Excipients are inactive ingredients added to liquid dosage forms to: **B. Improve stability,** taste, and other properties
- 42. Examples of excipients used in liquids include: **B. Solvents, suspending agents, sweeteners,** thickeners, and preservatives
- 43. Solubility enhancement techniques are used to: **B. Improve the ability of a drug to dissolve** in a liquid
- 44. Common solubility enhancement techniques include: **D. All of the above**



- 45. Controlling the pH of a liquid dosage form can impact: **B. The stability and solubility of the drug**
- 46. Preservatives are added to liquid dosage forms to: B. Prevent microbial growth
- 47. Alcohol is sometimes used as a solvent or preservative in liquid medications, but pharmacists should be aware of potential: **B. Interactions with other medications or patient conditions**
- 48. When dispensing liquid medications, pharmacists should provide patients with: **B. Instructions on proper use, storage, and how to measure the correct dose**
- 49. Proper storage of liquid medications is crucial to ensure: **B. Potency, stability, and** effectiveness
- 50. Liquid dosage forms can be a convenient option for some patients, but pharmacists need to consider the: **B. Specific needs and preferences of the patient, along with the medication properties**

Pharmaceutics I Unit III

<u>Monophasic liquids</u>: Definitions and preparations of Gargles, Mouthwashes, Throat Paint, Eardrops, Nasal drops, Enemas, Syrups, Elixirs, Liniments and Lotions.

<u>Suspensions</u>: Definition, advantages and disadvantages, classifications, Preparation of suspensions; Flocculated and Deflocculated suspension & stability problems and methods to overcome.

Emulsions: Definition, classification, emulsifying agent, test for the identification of type of Emulsion, Methods of preparation & stability problems and methods to overcome.

1. Monophasic liquids refer to:

- a) Suspensions with multiple phases
- b) True solutions with a single, uniform phase
- c) Liquids containing only water
- d) Ointments and creams

2. Gargles are:

a) Intended for swallowing



- b) Used to cleanse and soothe the throat
- c) Applied directly to a wound
- d) Instilled into the ear canal

3. Common ingredients in gargles may include:

- a) Antibiotics only
- b) Antiseptics, analgesics, or flavorings
- c) Corticosteroids
- d) Antidepressants

4. Mouthwashes are used for:

- a) Treating serious infections in the mouth
- b) Freshening breath, reducing plaque, and promoting oral hygiene
- c) Relieving pain in the throat
- d) Instilling into the eyes

5. Mouthwashes may contain ingredients like:

- a) Antihistamines
- b) Fluoride for strengthening teeth
- c) Muscle relaxants
- d) Sleeping aids

6. Throat paints are:

- a) Administered orally
- b) Viscous liquids applied directly to a sore throat for localized relief
- c) Injected into a muscle
- d) Absorbed through the skin

7. Throat paints may contain:

- a) Laxatives
- b) Local anesthetics for pain relief



c) Anti-diarrheal medications

d) Anticonvulsants

8. Eardrops are used to:

- a) Treat eye infections
- b) Treat infections or soften earwax in the ear canal
- c) Cleanse and soothe the nasal passages
- d) Deliver medication systemically through the skin

9. Eardrops may contain:

- a) Diuretics
- b) Antibiotics or corticosteroids for ear infections
- c) Anti-nausea medications
- d) Medications for high blood pressure

10. Monophasic liquids offer advantages like:

- a) Difficulty in measuring accurate doses
- b) Ease of use, rapid onset of action, and good bioavailability
- c) Requirement for refrigeration
- d) Increased risk of allergic reactions

11. When preparing monophasic liquids, pharmacists should ensure:

- a) The chosen container is attractive for marketing purposes
- b) The ingredients are compatible and form a stable solution
- c) The solution has a strong flavor to mask the taste of medication
- d) The solution is priced higher than other dosage forms

12. Monophasic liquids may require the use of:

- a) Sleeping pills to help patients fall asleep after use
- b) Preservatives to prevent microbial growth, especially for multi-use solutions
- c) Antidepressants to improve patient mood

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d) Laxatives to help patients eliminate the medication from their body

13. Pharmacists should counsel patients on the proper use of monophasic liquids, including:

- a) Swallowing the entire amount of a gargle
- b) Following specific instructions for gargling, swishing, or instillation
- c) Applying throat paint directly to the tongue
- d) Sharing leftover ear drops with others

14. It is important to advise patients to:

- a) Use expired monophasic liquids to save money
- b) Discontinue use if they experience any side effects and consult a healthcare professional
- c) Not to worry about proper storage conditions
- d) Use any remaining solution for a different condition

15. Monophasic liquids can be a valuable option for patients who have difficulty with:

- a) Reading medication labels
- b) Swallowing solid dosage forms
- c) Applying topical creams
- d) Remembering to take medication at specific times

16. Pharmacists play a crucial role in ensuring the safe and effective use of monophasic liquids by:

- a) Focusing on brand promotion
- b) Providing accurate information and counseling to patients
- c) Delegating all dispensing tasks to pharmacy technicians
- d) Rushing patients through the dispensing process

17. When dispensing monophasic liquids, pharmacists should consider the:

- a) Patient's age and preferences only
- b) Patient's age, medical condition, and potential drug interactions
- c) Expiry date of the medication only



18. Monophasic liquids may have potential risks, such as:

- a) Increased effectiveness compared to other dosage forms
- b) Accidental ingestion, especially for solutions intended for topical use
- c) Reduced absorption by the body
- d) Offering no benefit over placebo

19. Pharmacists can help mitigate risks by:

- a) Using colorful labels to attract attention
- b) Providing clear instructions and warnings on the medication label
- c) Offering a discount on refills
- d) Recommending alternative medications without considering the patient's needs

20. Suspensions are heterogeneous mixtures containing:

- a) Two gas phases
- b) Solid particles dispersed throughout a liquid
- c) Only one liquid phase
- d) A solid phase dissolved in a gas

21. Advantages of suspensions include:

- a) Difficulty in measuring accurate doses
- b) Masking unpleasant taste of some drugs, prolonged or controlled release
- c) Increased chance of medication errors
- d) Short shelf life

22. Disadvantages of suspensions include:

- a) Easy and accurate administration
- b) Bulky storage, potential for settling and caking
- c) Reduced risk of side effects
- d) Faster absorption compared to other forms

23. Suspensions can be classified based on:



- a) Color and taste only
- b) Particle size, concentration, and intended use
- c) Brand name of the medication
- d) Expiry date of the ingredients

24. Flocculated suspensions have:

- a) Evenly dispersed particles
- b) Particles that clump together but can be easily redispersed
- c) Particles that settle rapidly and form a hard cake
- d) A strong unpleasant odor

25. Deflocculated suspensions have:

- a) Evenly dispersed particles
- b) Particles that tend to clump together
- c) Particles that settle rapidly and form a hard cake
- d) A thick, viscous consistency

26. In preparing suspensions, wetting agents are used to:

- a) Increase the cost of the medication
- b) Improve the interaction between the solid particles and the liquid
- c) Change the color of the suspension
- d) Mask the unpleasant taste of the medication

27. Suspending agents are used in suspensions to:

- a) Dissolve the medication completely
- b) Prevent settling of the solid particles
- c) Thicken the consistency of the suspension
- d) Shorten the shelf life of the medication

28. When dispensing suspensions, pharmacists should instruct patients to:

a) Swallow the medication without shaking the bottle



- b) Shake the bottle well before each use to ensure uniform distribution
- c) Store the suspension in direct sunlight
- d) Discard any leftover suspension after completing the course of treatment

29. Pharmacists should be aware of the potential for medication errors with suspensions due to:

- a) Easy and convenient administration
- b) Difficulty in measuring accurate doses, especially for thick suspensions
- c) Faster absorption compared to other dosage forms
- d) Reduced risk of side effects

30. Proper storage of suspensions is crucial to maintain:

- a) The unpleasant taste of the medication
- b) The potency, stability, and effectiveness of the medication
- c) The color of the suspension
- d) The marketing appeal of the medication

31. Suspensions can be a valuable dosage form for patients who have difficulty with:

- a) Reading medication labels only
- b) Swallowing solid dosage forms
- c) Applying topical creams
- d) Remembering to take medication at specific times

32. Pharmacists play a role in ensuring the safe and effective use of suspensions by:

- a) Focusing on brand promotion only
- b) Providing accurate information and counseling to patients on proper use and storage
- c) Delegating all dispensing tasks to pharmacy technicians
- d) Rushing patients through the dispensing process

33. When dispensing suspensions, pharmacists should consider the:

- a) Patient's age and preferences only
- b) Patient's age, medical condition, and potential for medication interactions



c) Expiry date of the medication only

34. Suspensions may require special instructions for administration, such as:

- a) Taking the medication with a full glass of milk
- b) Following specific timelines for administration in relation to food intake
- c) Crushing the medication before mixing with liquid
- d) Exposing the suspension to sunlight before use

35. Pharmacists can utilize technology, such as calibrated measuring devices, to:

- a) Increase medication costs for patients
- b) Improve the accuracy of dispensing suspension doses
- c) Recommend unnecessary medications
- d) Replace the need for pharmacist counseling

36. By understanding the properties of suspensions, pharmacists can select the most appropriate:

- a) Marketing strategy for the medication
- b) Dosage form, excipients, and storage recommendations for optimal stability
- c) Color and flavor for the suspension
- d) Brand of medication based on price only

37. Flocculated suspensions have:

- a) Evenly dispersed particles
- b) Particles that clump together but can be easily redispersed
- c) Particles that settle rapidly and form a hard cake
- d) A strong unpleasant odor

38. Deflocculated suspensions have:

- a) Evenly dispersed particles
- b) Particles that tend to clump together
- c) Particles that settle rapidly and form a hard cake
- d) A thick, viscous consistency



39. Flocculated suspensions are generally:

- a) More stable than deflocculated suspensions
- b) Less stable than deflocculated suspensions
- c) Equally stable as deflocculated suspensions
- d) Not affected by stability issues

40. Stability problems in suspensions can include:

- a) Increased potency over time
- b) Sedimentation, caking, and creaming
- c) A pleasant taste developing in the suspension
- d) Faster absorption by the body

41. Sedimentation in suspensions refers to:

- a) The medication dissolving completely in the liquid
- b) The settling of solid particles at the bottom of the container
- c) A change in the color of the suspension
- d) The medication becoming more effective over time

42. Caking in suspensions refers to:

- a) The formation of a hard mass of settled particles
- b) The medication dissolving completely in the liquid
- c) A change in the odor of the suspension
- d) The medication becoming more stable over time

43. Creaming in suspensions refers to:

- a) The formation of a hard mass of settled particles
- b) The rise of larger particles to the top of the suspension
- c) A change in the taste of the suspension
- d) The medication becoming less effective over time



44. Methods to overcome stability problems in suspensions can include:

- a) Adding coloring agents to improve appearance
- b) Using suspending agents to prevent settling
- c) Increasing the concentration of the medication
- d) Exposing the suspension to direct sunlight

45. Selecting appropriate suspending agents is crucial for:

- a) Masking the taste of the medication only
- b) Maintaining the uniform distribution of particles and preventing settling
- c) Changing the color of the suspension
- d) Shortening the shelf life of the medication

46. Flocculated suspensions may be preferred when:

- a) A rapid onset of action is desired
- b) Long-term stability and ease of redispersion are important
- c) The medication has an unpleasant taste
- d) The suspension needs to be clear and transparent

47. Deflocculated suspensions may be preferred when:

- a) A rapid onset of action is desired
- b) The medication needs to be clear and transparent
- c) Long-term stability and ease of redispersion are important
- d) The suspension needs to be thick and viscous

48. Pharmacists need to consider the desired properties of the suspension when:

- a) Choosing a brand name for the medication
- b) Selecting the appropriate dosage form and excipients
- c) Focusing on marketing the medication to patients
- d) Delegating all suspension preparation to technicians

49. Understanding flocculation and deflocculation is important for pharmacists to:



- a) Increase medication costs
- b) Formulate stable and effective suspensions
- c) Recommend unnecessary medications to patients
- d) Reduce the need for patient counseling

50. By selecting the appropriate formulation approach, pharmacists can ensure:

- a) Faster expiration of the suspension
- b) The medication has a strong unpleasant taste
- c) The suspension is effective and safe for patients
- d) The suspension is more expensive to produce

51. Factors affecting the stability of suspensions include:

a) Brand name of the medication onlyb) Particle size, density difference between solid and liquid, and interactions between particles and suspending agents

- c) Color and flavor of the suspension
- d) Expiry date of the medication only

52. Flocculated suspensions may be less desirable for:

- a) Long-term storage and ease of redispersion
- b) Masking the unpleasant taste of some medications
- c) Delivering a rapid onset of action
- d) Offering a clear and aesthetically pleasing appearance

53. Deflocculated suspensions may be less desirable for:

- a) Long-term storage and ease of redispersion
- b) Delivering a sustained or controlled release of medication
- c) Offering a clear and aesthetically pleasing appearance
- d) Masking the unpleasant taste of some medications

54. Pharmacists can assess the stability of a suspension by:

a) Relying solely on the expiry date



- b) Visually inspecting the suspension for signs of settling or caking
- c) Asking patients about their experience with the medication
- d) Ignoring any potential stability issues

55. When encountering stability problems with a suspension, pharmacists may:

a) Recommend a different brand of medication without considering the formulation

b) Explore alternative formulation approaches or recommend shaking the suspension more frequently

- c) Advise patients to continue using the suspension even if it shows signs of instability
- d) Discard the suspension without offering any solutions to the patient

56. Emulsions are dispersions of:

- a) Two gases
- b) Two immiscible liquids where one is dispersed as droplets in the other
- c) A solid dissolved in a liquid
- d) A gas in a liquid

57. Emulsions can be classified based on:

- a) Color and taste only
- b) The dispersed phase and continuous phase
- c) Brand name of the ingredients
- d) Expiry date of the medication

58. Oil-in-water (O/W) emulsions have:

- a) Water droplets dispersed in oil
- b) Oil droplets dispersed in water
- c) Both oil and water phases equally dispersed
- d) No dispersed phase

59. Water-in-oil (W/O) emulsions have:

a) Water droplets dispersed in oil



- b) Oil droplets dispersed in water
- c) Both oil and water phases equally dispersed
- d) No dispersed phase

60. Emulsifying agents are substances that:

- a) Increase the cost of the emulsion
- b) Reduce the interfacial tension between the two phases, promoting stability
- c) Change the color of the emulsion
- d) Mask the unpleasant taste of the medication

61. Identifying the type of emulsion (O/W or W/O) can be achieved by:

- a) Tasting the emulsion
- b) Using conductivity measurements
- c) Checking the expiry date
- d) Observing the color of the emulsion

62. The dye test for emulsion identification involves:

- a) Adding a colored gas to the emulsion
- b) Using a dye that dissolves in the continuous phase, indicating its type (O/W or W/O)
- c) Adding a dye that reacts with the emulsifying agent
- d) Not a reliable method for emulsion identification

63. Common methods for preparing emulsions include:

- a) Heating the ingredients together without proper mixing
- b) Using high-speed homogenization or sonication
- c) Simply mixing the oil and water phases
- d) Grinding the solid ingredients into a fine powder

64. Stability problems in emulsions can include:

- a) Increased potency over time
- b) Coalescence (droplet merging), creaming, and phase separation



- c) A pleasant taste developing in the emulsion
- d) Faster absorption by the body

65. Coalescence in emulsions refers to:

- a) The formation of a solid layer on top of the emulsion
- b) The merging of dispersed phase droplets
- c) A change in the color of the emulsion
- d) The medication becoming more effective over time

66. Creaming in emulsions refers to:

- a) The formation of a solid layer on top of the emulsion
- b) The rise of larger dispersed phase droplets to the top
- c) A change in the taste of the emulsion
- d) The medication becoming less effective over time

67. Phase separation in emulsions refers to:

- a) The formation of a solid layer on top of the emulsion
- b) The complete separation of the oil and water phases
- c) A change in the odor of the emulsion
- d) The medication becoming more stable over time

68. Methods to overcome stability problems in emulsions can include:

- a) Adding coloring agents to improve appearance
- b) Using appropriate emulsifying agents and adjusting the viscosity
- c) Increasing the concentration of the dispersed phase
- d) Exposing the emulsion to extreme temperatures

69. Other factors affecting emulsion stability include:

- a) Brand name of the medication only
- b) Electrolyte concentration, pH, and temperature
- c) Color and flavor of the emulsion



d) Expiry date of the medication only

70. Pharmacists should counsel patients on the proper storage and handling of emulsions to:

- a) Increase medication costs
- b) Minimize the risk of stability problems and ensure product effectiveness
- c) Recommend unnecessary medications
- d) Reduce the need for patient counseling

71. Proper storage instructions for emulsions may include:

- a) Exposing the emulsion to direct sunlight
- b) Storing the emulsion upright at room temperature
- c) Shaking the emulsion vigorously before every use
- d) Discarding any leftover emulsion after completing the treatment

72. By understanding emulsions and their properties, pharmacists can:

- a) Recommend alternative medications without considering the formulation
- b) Select appropriate storage recommendations and counsel patients for optimal use
- c) Focus solely on marketing different emulsion products
- d) Dispense emulsions without considering potential stability issues

Answers

- 1. Monophasic liquids refer to: b) True solutions with a single, uniform phase
- 2. Gargles are: b) Used to cleanse and soothe the throat
- 3. Common ingredients in gargles may include: b) Antiseptics, analgesics, or flavorings
- 4. **Mouthwashes are used for:** b) Freshening breath, reducing plaque, and promoting oral hygiene
- 5. Mouthwashes may contain ingredients like: b) Fluoride for strengthening teeth
- 6. Throat paints are: b) Viscous liquids applied directly to a sore throat for localized relief
- 7. Throat paints may contain: b) Local anesthetics for pain relief
- 8. Eardrops are used to: b) Treat infections or soften earwax in the ear canal



- 9. Eardrops may contain: b) Antibiotics or corticosteroids for ear infections
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- 13. Pharmacists should counsel patients on the proper use of monophasic liquids, including: b) Following specific instructions for gargling, swishing, or instillation
- 14. It is important to advise patients to: b) Discontinue use if they experience any side effects and consult a healthcare professional
- 15. Monophasic liquids can be a valuable option for patients who have difficulty with: b) Swallowing solid dosage forms
- 16. Pharmacists play a crucial role in ensuring the safe and effective use of monophasic liquids by: b) Providing accurate information and counseling to patients
- 17. When dispensing monophasic liquids, pharmacists should consider the: b) Patient's age, medical condition, and potential drug interactions
- 18. Monophasic liquids may have potential risks, such as: b) Accidental ingestion, especially for solutions intended for topical use
- 19. Pharmacists can help mitigate risks by: b) Providing clear instructions and warnings on the medication label
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- 21. Advantages of suspensions include: b) Masking unpleasant taste of some drugs, prolonged or controlled release
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- 23. Suspensions can be classified based on: b) Particle size, concentration, and intended use
- 24. Flocculated suspensions have: b) Particles that clump together but can be easily redispersed
- 25. Deflocculated suspensions have: c) Particles that settle rapidly and form a hard cake
- 26. In preparing suspensions, wetting agents are used to: b) Improve the interaction between the solid particles and the liquid
- 27. Suspending agents are used in suspensions to: b) Prevent settling of the solid particles
- 28. When dispensing suspensions, pharmacists should instruct patients to: b) Shake the bottle well before each use to ensure uniform distribution
- 29. Pharmacists should be aware of the potential for medication errors with suspensions due to: b) Difficulty in measuring accurate doses, especially for thick suspensions



- 30. **Proper storage of suspensions is crucial to maintain:** b) The potency, stability, and effectiveness of the medication
- 31. Suspensions can be a valuable dosage form for patients who have difficulty with: b) Swallowing solid dosage forms
- 32. Pharmacists play a role in ensuring the safe and effective use of suspensions by: b) Providing accurate information and counseling to patients on proper use and storage
- 33. When dispensing suspensions, pharmacists should consider the: b) Patient's age, medical condition, and potential for medication interactions
- 34. **Suspensions may require special instructions for administration, such as:** b) Following specific timelines for administration in relation to food intake
- 35. Pharmacists can utilize technology, such as calibrated measuring devices, to: b) Improve the accuracy of dispensing suspension doses
- 36. By understanding the properties of suspensions, pharmacists can select the most appropriate: b) Dosage form, excipients, and storage recommendations for optimal stability
- 37. Flocculated suspensions have: b) Particles that clump together but can be easily redispersed
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- 39. Flocculated suspensions are generally: a) More stable than deflocculated suspensions
- 40. Stability problems in suspensions can include: b) Sedimentation, caking, and creaming
- 41. Sedimentation in suspensions refers to: b) The settling of solid particles at the bottom of the container
- 42. Caking in suspensions refers to: a) The formation of a hard mass of settled particles
- 43. Creaming in suspensions refers to: b) The rise of larger particles to the top of the suspension
- 44. Methods to overcome stability problems in suspensions can include: b) Using suspending agents to prevent settling
- 45. **Selecting appropriate suspending agents is crucial for:** b) Maintaining the uniform distribution of particles and preventing settling
- 46. Flocculated suspensions may be preferred when: b) Long-term stability and ease of redispersion are important
- 47. Deflocculated suspensions may be preferred when: a) A rapid onset of action is desired
- 48. Pharmacists need to consider the desired properties of the suspension when: b) Selecting the appropriate dosage form and excipients
- 49. Understanding flocculation and deflocculation is important for pharmacists to: b) Formulate stable and effective suspensions
- 50. By selecting the appropriate formulation approach, pharmacists can ensure: c) The suspension is effective and safe for patients



- 51. **Factors affecting the stability of suspensions include:** b) Particle size, density difference between solid and liquid, and interactions between particles and suspending agents
- 52. Flocculated suspensions may be less desirable for: d) Offering a clear and aesthetically pleasing appearance
- 53. **Deflocculated suspensions may be less desirable for:** a) Long-term storage and ease of redispersion
- 54. **Pharmacists can assess the stability of a suspension by:** b) Visually inspecting the suspension for signs of settling or caking
- 55. When encountering stability problems with a suspension, pharmacists may: b) Explore alternative formulation approaches or recommend shaking the suspension more frequently
- 56. **Emulsions are dispersions of:** b) Two immiscible liquids where one is dispersed as droplets in the other
- 57. Emulsions can be classified based on: b) The dispersed phase and continuous phase
- 58. Oil-in-water (O/W) emulsions have: b) Oil droplets dispersed in water
- 59. Water-in-oil (W/O) emulsions have: a) Water droplets dispersed in oil
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- 61. Identifying the type of emulsion (O/W or W/O) can be achieved by: b) Using conductivity measurements
- 62. The dye test for emulsion identification involves: b) Using a dye that dissolves in the continuous phase, indicating its type (O/W or W/O)
- 63. **Common methods for preparing emulsions include:** b) Using high-speed homogenization or sonication
- 64. **Stability problems in emulsions can include:** b) Coalescence (droplet merging), creaming, and phase separation
- 65. Coalescence in emulsions refers to: b) The merging of dispersed phase droplets
- 66. Creaming in emulsions refers to: b) The rise of larger dispersed phase droplets to the top
- 67. Phase separation in emulsions refers to: b) The complete separation of the oil and water phases
- 68. **Methods to overcome stability problems in emulsions can include:** b) Using appropriate emulsifying agents and adjusting the viscosity
- 69. **Other factors affecting emulsion stability include:** b) Electrolyte concentration, pH, and temperature
- 70. Pharmacists should counsel patients on the proper storage and handling of emulsions to:b) Minimize the risk of stability problems and ensure product effectiveness
- 71. **Proper storage instructions for emulsions may include:** b) Storing the emulsion upright at room temperature



72. By understanding emulsions and their properties, pharmacists can: b) Select appropriate storage recommendations and counsel patients for optimal use

Pharmaceutics I Unit IV

For detailed information on this topic click on the respective link.

<u>Suppositories</u>: Definition, types, advantages and disadvantages, types of bases, methods of preparations. Displacement value & its calculations, evaluation of suppositories.

<u>Pharmaceutical incompatibilities</u>: Definition, classification, physical, chemical and therapeutic incompatibilities with examples.

1. Definition of suppository:

- a) A solid dosage form for oral administration.
- b) A solid dosage form for topical application.
- c) A solid dosage form inserted into a body cavity for local or systemic action.
- d) A liquid dosage form for injection.

2. Types of suppositories:

- a) Rectal only.
- b) Rectal and vaginal.
- c) Rectal, vaginal, and urethral.
- d) All of the above.

3. Advantages of suppositories:

- a) Bypasses first-pass metabolism.
- b) Convenient for patients with swallowing difficulties.
- c) Provides localized action.
- d) All of the above.

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4. Disadvantages of suppositories:

- a) Can be irritating to the rectum.
- b) Unpleasant sensation of fullness.

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c) Slow onset of action compared to some routes.

d) All of the above.

5. Types of suppository bases:

- a) Water-soluble only (e.g., polyethylene glycol).
- b) Fat-soluble only (e.g., theobroma oil).
- c) Water-soluble and fat-soluble.
- d) None of the above.

6. Methods of suppository preparation:

- a) Molding.
- b) Compression.
- c) Both molding and compression.
- d) Neither molding nor compression.

7. Displacement value:

- a) The volume occupied by 1 gram of the suppository base.
- b) The weight of the suppository base required to displace a specific volume of water.
- c) The amount of drug that can be incorporated into a suppository.
- d) A measure of the suppository's melting point.

8. Calculating displacement value:

- a) Displacement Value = Weight of base / Volume of displaced water
- b) Displacement Value = Volume of displaced water / Weight of base
- c) Displacement Value = Drug amount / Base amount
- d) Displacement Value = Melting point / Displacement value

9. Evaluation of suppositories:

- a) Weight variation.
- b) Uniformity of content.

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d) All of the above.

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10. Which of the following suppository bases is water-soluble?

- a) Theobroma oil
- b) Cocoa butter (another name for theobroma oil)
- c) Polyethylene glycol
- d) Stearyl alcohol

11. Suppositories are most commonly used to deliver medications for:

- a) Chronic conditions
- b) Localized conditions
- c) Antibacterial purposes
- d) Pain relief

12. Which of the following statements about suppository storage is CORRECT?

- a) They should be stored at room temperature.
- b) They should be refrigerated.
- c) Storage temperature depends on the base type.
- d) They should be stored in a tightly sealed container regardless of temperature.

13. Patients with nausea and vomiting may have difficulty using suppositories because of:

- a) The suppository may irritate the rectum.
- b) The medication may not be absorbed properly.
- c) It may trigger the gag reflex.
- d) All of the above.

14. Suppositories for children are typically:

- a) Larger than adult suppositories.
- b) Smaller than adult suppositories.
- c) The same size as adult suppositories.
- d) Not recommended for use in children.



15. When inserting a suppository, it's important to:

- a) Wash hands thoroughly before and after insertion.
- b) Moisten the suppository with water.
- c) Insert it as deeply as possible.
- d) Lie down for 30 minutes after insertion.

16. If a suppository expels shortly after insertion, it could be a sign of:

- a) Incorrect storage.
- b) An improper dose.
- c) The medication is not effective.
- d) Constipation.

17. Which of the following medications is NOT typically administered via suppository?

- a) Anti-nausea medication (for some cases)
- b) Pain medication (for localized pain)
- c) Antidepressants
- d) Anti-diarrheal medication

18. For suppositories to be effective, they need to:

- a) Dissolve quickly at body temperature.
- b) Remain solid for an extended period.
- c) Be uncomfortable to insert.
- d) Have a strong odor.

19. Suppositories can be a good alternative for patients who have difficulty with:

- a) Swallowing pills.
- b) Injections.
- c) Taking medication orally.
- d) All of the above.



20. It's important to consult with a healthcare professional before using suppositories, especially if:

- a) You are pregnant or breastfeeding.
- b) You have any underlying rectal conditions.
- c) You are taking other medications.
- d) All of the above.

21. Definition: Pharmaceutical incompatibility refers to:

- a) The inability of a medication to work effectively.
- b) Interactions between drug and food that affect absorption.
- c) Undesirable interactions between different drug components or with excipients.
- d) The breakdown of a drug due to improper storage.

22. Classification of incompatibilities:

- a) Physical and chemical only.
- b) Physical, chemical, and therapeutic.
- c) Dosage form and route of administration.
- d) Age and gender of the patient.

23. Example of a physical incompatibility:

- a) Antagonistic effect between two medications.
- b) Formation of a precipitate when mixing solutions.
- c) Increased blood sugar levels due to a drug-food interaction.
- d) Medication causing drowsiness in an elderly patient.

24. Example of a chemical incompatibility:

- a) Combining an acidic and basic medication, leading to neutralization.
- b) A medication not being absorbed properly due to food intake.
- c) Two medications with similar actions causing an additive effect.
- d) A medication causing nausea in a child.



25. Therapeutic incompatibility:

a) Occurs when medications have opposing therapeutic effects.

- b) Results in changes in the physical appearance of a medication.
- c) Affects the absorption rate of a drug due to food interaction.
- d) Leads to the breakdown of a medication due to improper storage.

26. Example of a therapeutic incompatibility:

- a) Mixing an antibiotic with a laxative.
- b) Combining two medications for pain relief, leading to an increased effect.
- c) A medication causing a bad taste in the mouth.
- d) A suppository melting too quickly at room temperature.

27. Identifying and preventing incompatibilities is important for:

- a) Ensuring medication effectiveness and patient safety.
- b) Reducing the cost of medications.
- c) Improving the taste of medications.
- d) Extending the shelf life of medications.

28. Pharmacists play a crucial role in:

- a) Identifying potential incompatibilities in prescriptions.
- b) Recommending alternative medications if necessary.
- c) Educating patients on proper medication storage and use.
- d) All of the above.

29. When encountering an incompatibility, a pharmacist may:

- a) Dispense the medication as prescribed.
- b) Inform the prescriber and suggest alternative options.
- c) Adjust the dosage of one of the medications.
- d) Recommend a different route of administration for one medication.

30. Resources for pharmacists to check for incompatibilities include:

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- a) Drug compendia and references.
- b) Manufacturer information for specific medications.
- c) Both a and b.
- d) Patient medication history.

31. Continuous education for pharmacists is essential to stay updated on:

- a) New medications and potential interactions.
- b) Changes in recommended prescribing practices.
- c) Advancements in pharmaceutical technology.
- d) All of the above.

32. Which of the following statements about physical incompatibilities is true?

- a) They always result in a loss of medication potency.
- b) They can be visually identified by changes in appearance.
- c) They are not a major concern for pharmacists.
- d) They can be overcome by adjusting the dosage form.

33. Chemical incompatibilities can lead to:

- a) Formation of precipitates or gas.
- b) Changes in color, odor, or taste.
- c) Loss of medication effectiveness.
- d) All of the above.

34. Combining a diuretic with lithium can be an example of:

- a) Physical incompatibility.
- b) Chemical incompatibility.
- c) Therapeutic incompatibility.
- d) Dosage form incompatibility.

35. It's important to consider therapeutic incompatibilities when prescribing medications for:

a) The same condition.



- b) Different conditions that can interact.
- c) Both a and b.
- d) None of the above.

36. When dispensing medications, a pharmacist should provide instructions on:

- a) Potential interactions with food or other medications.
- b) Proper storage and handling of medications.
- c) How and when to take the medications.
- d) All of the above.

37. Patients should be encouraged to:

- a) Inform their pharmacist about all medications they are taking
- b) Report any unusual side effects they experience.
- c) Not take expired medications.
- d) All of the above.

38. By working together, pharmacists and healthcare professionals can:

- a) Minimize the risk of medication errors.
- b) Ensure optimal patient care and medication safety.
- c) Improve patient adherence to medication regimens.
- d) All of the above.

39. Incompatibilities can affect the:

- a) Stability of a medication.
- b) Absorption rate of a drug.
- c) Release profile of a medication.
- d) All of the above.

Answers



- 1. **Definition of suppository:** c) A solid dosage form inserted into a body cavity for local or systemic action.
- 2. Types of suppositories: d) All of the above.
- 3. Advantages of suppositories: d) All of the above.
- 4. **Disadvantages of suppositories:** d) All of the above.
- 5. **Types of suppository bases:** c) Water-soluble and fat-soluble.
- 6. Methods of suppository preparation: c) Both molding and compression.
- 7. **Displacement value:** a) The volume occupied by 1 gram of the suppository base.
- 8. **Calculating displacement value:** a) Displacement Value = Weight of base / Volume of displaced water.
- 9. Evaluation of suppositories: d) All of the above.
- 10. Which of the following suppository bases is water-soluble? c) Polyethylene glycol.
- 11. Suppositories are most commonly used to deliver medications for: d) Pain relief.
- 12. Which of the following statements about suppository storage is CORRECT? c) Storage temperature depends on the base type.
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- 18. For suppositories to be effective, they need to: a) Dissolve quickly at body temperature.
- 19. Suppositories can be a good alternative for patients who have difficulty with: d) All of the above.
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- 36. When dispensing medications, a pharmacist should provide instructions on: d) All of the above.
- 37. Patients should be encouraged to: d) All of the above.
- 38. By working together, pharmacists and healthcare professionals can: d) All of the above.
- 39. Incompatibilities can affect the: d) All of the above.

Pharmaceutics I unit V

<u>Semisolid dosage forms</u>: Definitions, classification, mechanisms and factors influencing dermal penetration of drugs. Preparation of ointments, pastes, creams and gels. Excipients used in semi solid dosage forms. Evaluation of semi solid dosages forms

1. Definition: Semisolid dosage forms are:

- a) Liquids intended for oral administration.
- b) Solid dosage forms for swallowing whole.
- c) Products with a consistency between solids and liquids for topical application.
- d) Injectable medications for systemic delivery.



2. Classification of semisolid dosage forms includes:

- a) Ointments, creams, and suppositories only.
- b) Ointments, creams, gels, pastes, and suppositories.
- c) Ointments, creams, and lotions.
- d) Liquids, creams, and powders.

3. Mechanism of drug penetration through the skin from semisolid dosage forms involves:

- a) Primarily bypassing the stratum corneum (outer layer).
- b) Diffusion through the various layers of the skin.
- c) Direct passage through hair follicles.
- d) Primarily acting on the surface of the skin.

4. Factors influencing dermal penetration of drugs from semisolid dosage forms include:

- a) Physicochemical properties of the drug (e.g., solubility).
- b) Properties of the vehicle (base) used in the formulation.
- c) Condition of the skin (e.g., hydration, thickness).
- d) All of the above.

5. Ointments typically have:

- a) A high water content and greasy feel.
- b) A low water content and greasy feel.
- c) A high water content and light feel.
- d) A low water content and light feel.

6. Creams generally:

- a) Contain more oil than water, forming an oily emulsion.
- b) Contain more water than oil, forming a water-in-oil emulsion.
- c) Contain equal parts water and oil, forming an oil-in-water emulsion.
- d) Do not contain water and are oil-based.

7. Gels are:



- a) Similar to ointments but with a higher water content and a jelly-like consistency.
- b) Similar to creams but with a higher oil content and a thicker consistency.
- c) Suspensions of solids in a liquid vehicle.
- d) Solid dosage forms for oral administration.

8. Pastes are:

- a) Semisolid formulations with a high solids content, often used for their drying effect.
- b) Liquid suspensions for topical application.
- c) Solid dosage forms that disintegrate in the mouth.
- d) Suppositories used for systemic drug delivery.

9. Suppositories are:

- a) Semisolid dosage forms for insertion into body cavities for localized or systemic action.
- b) Topical creams applied to the mucous membranes.
- c) Liquids intended for injection.
- d) Solid tablets swallowed whole.

10. Choosing the appropriate semisolid dosage form depends on:

- a) Desired effect (localized or systemic).
- b) Drug properties and penetration needs.
- c) Patient preference and skin condition.
- d) All of the above.

11. Increased blood flow to the application site can enhance the dermal penetration of drugs from semisolid formulations.

- a) True
- b) False

12. Occlusive dressings placed over a semisolid application can trap moisture and increase drug absorption.

- a) True
- b) False



13. When formulating semisolid dosage forms, it's important to ensure compatibility between the drug and the vehicle to avoid physical or chemical interactions.

a) True

b) False

14. Preservatives are often added to semisolid formulations to prevent microbial growth and extend shelf life.

- a) True
- b) False

15. Semisolid dosage forms offer advantages like localized drug delivery, ease of use for some patients, and potentially sustained drug release.

- a) True
- b) False

16. Common ingredients used in ointment bases include:

- a) Water, alcohol, and starches.
- b) Oils, fats, and waxes.
- c) Sugars, gums, and polymers.
- d) All of the above.

17. The process of incorporating a powdered drug into an ointment base may involve:

- a) Simply mixing the powder with the base.
- b) Grinding or micronizing the powder for better dispersion.
- c) Heating the base to melt it before adding the drug.
- d) All of the above (depending on the base and drug).

18. Creams are typically emulsions, requiring:

- a) An emulsifying agent to stabilize the water and oil phases.
- b) Heating both water and oil phases before mixing.
- c) A gelling agent to create a thicker consistency.



d) All of the above.

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19. Gels are formed by suspending a gelling agent in a suitable liquid:

- a) Most commonly water, but sometimes alcohol or propylene glycol.
- b) Always using an organic solvent like alcohol.
- c) Using a melted fat or wax base.
- d) All of the above.

20. Paste preparation often involves:

- a) High shear mixing to achieve a smooth consistency.
- b) Trituration, which is grinding the solids with a mortar and pestle.
- c) Adding a large amount of water to create a thin consistency.
- d) Using only pre-dissolved drug solutions.

21. When formulating semisolid dosage forms, choosing the appropriate equipment depends on the scale of production and the properties of the ingredients.

- a) True
- b) False

22. Sterilization is crucial for semisolid formulations intended for ophthalmic or other sterile applications.

- a) True
- b) False

23. Packaging for semisolid dosage forms should be appropriate to prevent contamination and ensure stability during storage.

a) True

b) False

24. Proper labeling of semisolid dosage forms includes information like the drug name, strength, and directions for use.

a) True



b) False

25. Following established protocols and quality control procedures is essential during the preparation of semisolid dosage forms.

- a) True
- b) False

26. Excipients play a vital role in semisolid dosage forms by

- a) Providing a base for the drug substance.
- b) Influencing drug delivery and stability.
- c) Contributing to product aesthetics and functionality.
- d) All of the above.

27. Common excipient categories used in semisolid formulations include:

- a) Bases (vehicles)
- b) Emulsifying agents
- c) Thickeners/gelling agents
- d) Preservatives
- e) All of the above

28. Ointment bases are typically:

- a) Water-soluble and easily absorbed by the skin.
- b) Oil-based and provide a greasy feel.
- c) Alcohol-based and have a drying effect.
- d) Solid at room temperature and melt upon contact with skin.

29. Emulsifying agents are used in creams and lotions to:

- a) Increase the water content of the formulation.
- b) Stabilize the mixture of water and oil phases.
- c) Thicken the consistency of the product.
- d) Enhance drug penetration through the skin.

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30. Thickeners and gelling agents are used in various semisolid forms to:

- a) Control the release of the drug from the formulation.
- b) Improve the spreadability of the product on the skin.
- c) Increase the viscosity and prevent separation of ingredients.
- d) All of the above.

31. Preservatives are added to some semisolid formulations to:

- a) Reduce the greasiness of the product.
- b) Enhance the absorption of the drug.
- c) Prevent microbial growth and extend shelf life.
- d) Improve the taste of the medication.

32. Choosing the right excipients for a semisolid dosage form depends on several factors, including:

- a) Desired product characteristics (consistency, release profile).
- b) Physicochemical properties of the drug.
- c) Patient needs and skin condition.
- d) All of the above.

33. Evaluation of semisolid dosage forms ensures:

- a) The product meets quality standards and intended function.
- b) The drug is uniformly distributed throughout the formulation.
- c) The dosage form has the desired physical properties.
- d) All of the above.

34. Common tests performed during the evaluation of semisolid dosage forms include:

- a) Weight variation test for uniformity of dosage units.
- b) Content uniformity test to ensure consistent drug distribution.
- c) Rheological testing to assess viscosity and spreadability.
- d) Microscopic examination for particle size and dispersion.
- e) All of the above.



35. Weight variation test evaluates:

- a) The chemical stability of the drug in the formulation.
- b) The consistency of the weight of individual dosage units.
- c) The ability of the product to penetrate the skin.
- d) The presence of potential microbial contamination.

36. Content uniformity test determines:

- a) The overall amount of drug present in the formulation.
- b) The even distribution of the drug throughout the dosage units.
- c) The melting point or solidification point of the product.
- d) The potential for the drug to interact with other ingredients.

37. Rheological testing measures:

- a) The solubility of the drug in the base material.
- b) The flow properties and resistance to deformation of the product.
- c) The rate of drug release from the semisolid form.
- d) The potential for the product to irritate the skin.

38. Microscopic examination is used to assess:

- a) The presence of air bubbles or other trapped gases.
- b) The particle size and distribution of the drug within the base.
- c) The chemical compatibility of the drug and excipients.
- d) The potential for microbial growth within the product.

39. In-vitro dissolution testing may be used to:

- a) Evaluate the rate of drug release from the semisolid form.
- b) Simulate the absorption of the drug through the skin.
- c) Assess the stability of the drug over time.
- d) Identify potential interactions with other medications.



40. Microbiological testing is crucial for:

- a) Ensuring the sterility of semisolid formulations intended for sensitive areas.
- b) Evaluating the potential for allergic reactions to the product.
- c) Determining the appropriate storage conditions for the product.
- d) Assessing the effectiveness of the drug against specific microorganisms.

41. Stability testing evaluates:

- a) Changes in the physical properties of the product over time.
- b) The potential for chemical degradation of the drug.
- c) The effectiveness of the product throughout its shelf life.
- d) All of the above.

42. Packaging plays a role in the evaluation of semisolid dosage forms by:

- a) Ensuring compatibility with the product and preventing contamination.
- b) Protecting the product from light, moisture, or temperature changes.
- c) Providing proper labeling information for safe use.
- d) All of the above.

43. Visual inspection is a simple but important evaluation step to identify:

- a) The presence of discoloration, separation, or other abnormalities.
- b) The consistency and homogeneity of the product.
- c) The presence of foreign particles or defects in the container.
- d) All of the above.

44. Following established evaluation protocols and interpreting the results accurately is essential for:

- a) Ensuring the quality, safety, and efficacy of semisolid dosage forms.
- b) Maintaining consistency in the manufacturing process.
- c) Providing accurate information to healthcare professionals and patients.
- d) All of the above.



45. Pharmacists play a crucial role in evaluating dispensed semisolid medications by:

- a) Verifying the physical appearance and consistency of the product.
- b) Checking for proper labeling and expiration dates.
- c) Providing patient education on proper storage and use.
- d) All of the above.

Answers

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