DRUGS NOT TO BE PUT IN COMPLIANCE AIDS
ANY DISPERSIBLE, SUBLINGUAL OR CYTOTOXIC MEDICATION OR MEDICATION THAT REQUIRES REFRIGERATED STORAGE

General exclusions – Using the information obtained, more general guidelines for the transfer of solid oral dosage forms from original packs to compliance aids have been written. They assume that all compliance aids will be stored at ambient temperature, in a dry environment and away from direct sunlight.

- Medicinal product which are likely to be susceptible to the effects of moisture, including - Effervescent, dispersible and soluble products
- Buccal and mucosal products
- Significantly hygroscopic products

*Excludes dispersible aspirin which can be included in compliance aids*

- Medicinal products that are susceptible to the effects of prolonged exposure to light
- Medicinal products that are required to be refrigerated
- Medicinal products the handling of which is likely to be harmful to individuals.

ALFACALCIDOL – Moisture sensitive
AMITRIPTYLINE – Protect from light
ARTHROTEC – Misoprostol is extremely moisture sensitive and may degrade
ASCORBIC ACID – Protect from light
CARVEDILOL – Protect from light
CHLORPROMAZINE – Can cause dermatitis when handled; must be protected from light
CICLOSPORIN – Ethanol vaporises out of the capsule when removed from original packaging
CLOMETHIAZOLE – Should only be dispensed in glass bottles
DESMOPRESSIN – Packed with desiccant and labelled keep container tightly closed
DIPYRIDAMOLE – Protect from light
DOXAZOSIN XL – Must be stored in original packaging
DUTASTERIDE – Women should not handle leaking capsules
ENALAPRIL – May hydrolyse at high temperatures and in the presence of moisture
ERYTHROMYCIN – Protect from light
ESOMEPRAZOLE – Protect from moisture
ETORICOXIB – Moisture sensitive
EZETIMIBE – Protect from moisture
FINASTERIDE – Women should not handle crushed or broken tablets
FORCEVAL® – Protect from light
HYOSCINE BUTYLBROMIDE (Buscopan®) – Protect from light
HYOSCINE HYDROBROMIDE (Kwells®) – Best given sublingually
LIOTHYRONINE – Protect from light
MELATONIN – Protect from light
MESALAZINE – Tablet coating is light and moisture sensitive
METHYLPHENIDATE XL – Packed with a desiccant
METOLAZONE – Protect from light
MISOPROSTOL – Moisture sensitive and may degrade
MONTELUKAST - Protect from light and moisture
NICARDIPINE SR – Protect from light
NICORANDIL – Protect from moisture
NIFEDIPINE MR (capsules not susceptible to degradation) – Very light sensitive
NITROFURANTOIN – Protect from light

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OMEPRAZOLE CAPSULES – Hygroscopic
OXAZEPAM – Protect from light
PERGOLIDE – UNSTABLE – Light sensitive and extremely hygroscopic
PHENYTOIN capsules – Protect from light
PHYTOMENADIONE capsules – Protect from light
PRAMIPEXOLE – Protect from light
PRUCALOPRIDE – Protect from moisture
SALBUTAMOL SR – Hygroscopic
SODIUM VALPROATE – Hygroscopic
SPIRONOLACTONE – Protect from light
TAMOXIFEN – Sensitive to light and moisture
THEOPHYLLINE – No manufacturer’s data
TOPIRAMATE – Hygroscopic
VALPROATE SEMISODIUM (Depakote®) – Hygroscopic
VALSARTAN – Protect from moisture
ZOPICLONE – Protect from light
ZUCLOPENTHIXOL – Protect from light and moisture

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