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How far out are the expiration dates on your ophthalmic solutions?

Up to a year! This means less lost revenue for your practice.



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Why are your expiration dates so long?

Epicur Pharma is a licensed 503B facility. Our expiration dates are determined through extensive stability testing.

The expiration dates assigned to 503B manufactured medications can range from months to years. The longer time frame makes it practical to stock 503B manufactured medications for office use, allowing patients to receive immediate care while also maximizing practice profitability.

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What is the difference between Epicur Pharma and a traditional compounding pharmacy?

Epicur is a 503B FDA-registered manufacturing facility. This means that veterinary hospitals can legally purchase from us for unlimited hospital administration and dispensing* when medically necessary.

*FDA Federal SEC. 503B [21 U.S.C. 353b]



In contrast, traditional 503A compounding pharmacies are required to use BUDs, or Beyond-Use Dates, which are developed using clinical literature and USP guidelines rather than direct data and evidence.



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Why are opaque eye drop bottles better than clear bottles?

Opaque bottles offer more protection for eye drops. Light can diminish the integrity of certain ophthalmic medications. When eye drops are dispensed in clear bottles, your practice might have to spend additional time and money to put the bottles into amber-colored vials and educate the pet owner on proper storage.

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What is your turnaround time?

All medications Epicur manufactures are ready to ship same day and transit time is 1-2 days. With fast turnaround and shipping, we help your practice avoid backorders and stay stocked for critical patient care.



Scan the code to view a list of our ophthalmic medications.



Cidofovir arrived warm, should I be concerned?

Cidofovir has been tested at 86 degrees for 3 years with no degradation & 14 days at 120 degrees with no degradation.

It does not necessarily need to be refrigerated, but our stability studies are performed on refrigerated products. Refrigeration allows for extended dating and reduces the potential for microbial growth in the product.



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What is the viscosity of the oils in eye drops?

- Coconut (MCT): mildest, least viscous
- Olive Oil: medium
- Corn Oil: thickest

Oil-based formulations provide greater lubrication but may also cause more irritation compared to aqueous (AQ) suspensions.

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What is the difference between MCT vs Coconut Oil?



MCT stands for Medium Chain Triglycerides. We use coconut oil and MCT interchangeably here. **MCT oil is manufactured – coconut oil is natural.** MCT oil is not an oil found in nature, but is manufactured by machine to separate out the medium chain fatty acids from the rest of the oil. Coconut oil contains all four MCTs. In addition, it contains a small percentage of longer chain fatty acids.



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How can customers prevent stream tips from leaking? (Tacrolimus AQ 1%, Cyclosporin AQ 1% & 2%)

This is a high concentration or percent medication for an eye drop. It has what is called a “stream tip applicator”. If we used a smaller tip, we risk the particle size causing a blockage and preventing dispensing.

To prevent the stream tip applicator from leaking, hold the bottle upright while shaking it side to side to redisperse the medication prior to use. Hold the bottle at a 45 degree angle and tap the bottom to release a single drop. Do not squeeze the bottle during use, as this may cause the medication to flow out in a stream. Always keep the bottle upright with the tip pointed upward when placing it on a counter or surface. Before and after each use, gently squeeze air in and out of the bottle to clear any residual medication from the tip and to prevent vacuum locking.



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