Types of Dosage Forms and Definitions of Dosage Forms

Types of Dosage Forms and the definitions of the respective forms are provided below.

1. Tablets:

A solid dosage form that is composed of active ingredients mixed with excipients, compressed into a small, solid form.

2. Capsules:

A dosage form that consists of an outer shell that contains the active ingredients, typically in powder or granular form.

3. Liquids:

A dosage form that is composed of active ingredients dissolved or suspended in a liquid carrier, such as water or syrup.

4. Injections:

A dosage form that is delivered directly into the bloodstream through a needle and syringe.

5. Suppositories:

A dosage form that is inserted into the rectum or vagina, where it melts and releases the active ingredients.

6. Creams or ointments:

A dosage form that is applied topically to the skin and contains active ingredients mixed with a cream or ointment base.

7. Transdermal patches:

A dosage form that is applied to the skin and releases active ingredients through the skin into the bloodstream.

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8. Powders:

A dosage form that is composed of dry, finely divided particles of active ingredients, typically intended for oral or inhaled administration.

9. Gels:

A dosage form that is composed of a semi-solid mixture of active ingredients and a gel-like carrier.

10. Nasal sprays:

A dosage form that is delivered through the nose, typically as a liquid or mist.

11. Eye drops:

A dosage form that is applied directly to the eye in the form of a liquid.

12. Ear drops:

A dosage form that is applied directly to the ear in the form of a liquid.

13. Vaginal creams or suppositories:

A dosage form that is applied directly to the vagina, either as a cream or suppository, to treat vaginal infections or other conditions.