

DISPENSING OF MULTIPLE DRUGS IN SINGLE-DOSE CONTAINERS

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Multiple drugs may be packaged in the same container such that the different drugs are in contact with each other only under the following conditions:

- (A) The number of drugs placed in one package cannot exceed the capability of the receptacle to prevent damage to the dosage forms.
- (B) The quantity dispensed may not be more than a thirty-one-day supply.
- (C) The labels must be of sufficient size to properly and clearly label a thirty-one-day or less supply with all information required by state and federal law including accessory labels.
- (D) Each individual package must include a beyond-use date of not more than sixty days from the date the drugs were placed in the package.
- (E) Medications which have been packaged in multi-dose packaging are considered adulterated if returned to the pharmacy for any reason and may not be returned to stock or re-dispensed.
- (F) The packaging is tamper-evident.
- (G) Any pharmacist or pharmacy using multi-dose packaging must implement policies and procedures which will exclude drugs having the following characteristics from such packaging:
 - (1) The U.S.P. monograph or official labeling requires dispensing in the original container;
 - (2) The drugs or dosage forms are incompatible with packaging components or each other;
 - (3) The drugs are therapeutically incompatible when administered simultaneously;
 - (4) The drug products require special packaging.

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