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Excipients

USP and NF Excipients, Listed by Categories

Acidifying Agent

Acetic Acid
Acetic Acid, Glacial
Citric Acid
Fumaric Acid
Hydrochloric Acid
Hydrochloric Acid, Diluted
Malic Acid
Nitric Acid
Phosphoric Acid
Phosphoric Acid, Diluted
Propionic Acid
Sulfuric Acid
Tartaric Acid

Aerosol Propellant

Butane
Dichlorodifluoromethane
Dichlorotetrafluoroethane
Isobutane
Propane
Trichloromonofluoromethane

Air Displacement

Carbon Dioxide
Nitrogen

Alcohol Denaturant

Denatonium Benzoate
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone
Sucrose Octaacetate

Alkalizing Agent

Ammonia Solution, Strong
Ammonium Carbonate
Diethanolamine
Potassium Hydroxide
Sodium Bicarbonate
Sodium Borate
Sodium Carbonate
Sodium Hydroxide
Trolamine

Anticaking Agent (See *Glidant*)

Antifoaming Agent

Dimethicone
Simethicone

Antimicrobial Preservative

Benzalkonium Chloride
Benzalkonium Chloride Solution
Benzethonium Chloride
Benzoic Acid
Benzyl Alcohol
Butylparaben
Cetylpyridinium Chloride
Chlorobutanol
Chlorocresol
Cresol
Ethylparaben
Methylparaben
Methylparaben

Phenylmercuric Acetate
Phenylmercuric Nitrate
Potassium Benzoate
Potassium Sorbate
Propylparaben
Propylparaben Sodium
Sodium Benzoate
Sodium Dehydroacetate
Sodium Propionate
Sorbic Acid
Thimerosal
Thymol

Antioxidant

Ascorbic Acid
Ascorbyl Palmitate
Butylated Hydroxyanisole
Butylated Hydroxytoluene
Hypophosphorous Acid
Monothioglycerol
Potassium Metabisulfite
Propyl Gallate
Sodium Formaldehyde Sulfoxylate
Sodium Metabisulfite
Sodium Thiosulfate
Sulfur Dioxide
Tocopherol
Tocopherols Excipient

Buffering Agent

Acetic Acid
Ammonium Carbonate
Ammonium Phosphate
Boric Acid
Citric Acid
Lactic Acid
Phosphoric Acid
Potassium Citrate
Potassium Metaphosphate
Potassium Phosphate, Monobasic
Sodium Acetate
Sodium Citrate
Sodium Lactate Solution
Sodium Phosphate, Dibasic
Sodium Phosphate, Monobasic

Bulking Agent for Freeze-Drying

Creatinine
Mannitol

Capsule Lubricant (See *Tablet and/or Capsule Lubricant*)

Chelating Agent

Edetate Calcium Disodium
Edetate Disodium
Edetic Acid

Coating Agent

Carboxymethylcellulose, Sodium
Cellacefate (formerly Cellulose Acetate Phthalate)
Cellulose Acetate
Cellulose Acetate Phthalate (see Cellacefate)
Ethylcellulose
Ethylcellulose Aqueous Dispersion
Gelatin
Glaze, Pharmaceutical

Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose Phthalate (see Hypromellose Phthalate)
 Hypromellose Phthalate (formerly Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose Phthalate)
 Methacrylic Acid Copolymer
 Methacrylic Acid Copolymer Dispersion
 Methylcellulose
 Polyethylene Glycol
 Polyvinyl Acetate Phthalate
 Shellac
 Sucrose
 Titanium Dioxide
 Wax, Carnauba
 Wax, Microcrystalline
 Zein

Color

Caramel
 Ferric Oxide, red yellow, black, or blends

Complexing Agent

Edetate Disodium
 Edetic Acid
 Oxyquinoline Sulfate

Desiccant

Calcium Chloride
 Calcium Sulfate
 Silicon Dioxide

Emollient

Alkyl (C12-15) Benzoate

Emulsifying and/or Solubilizing Agent

Acacia
 Cholesterol
 Diethanolamine (Adjunct)
 Glyceryl Monostearate
 Lanolin Alcohols
 Lecithin
 Mono- and Di-glycerides
 Monoethanolamine (Adjunct)
 Oleic Acid (Adjunct)
 Oleyl Alcohol (Stabilizer)
 Poloxamer
 Polyoxyethylene 50 Stearate
 Polyoxyl 35 Castor Oil
 Polyoxyl 40 Hydrogenated Castor Oil
 Polyoxyl 10 Oleyl Ether
 Polyoxyl 20 Cetostearyl Ether
 Polyoxyl 40 Stearate
 Polysorbate 20
 Polysorbate 40
 Polysorbate 60
 Polysorbate 80
 Propylene Glycol Monostearate
 Sodium Lauryl Sulfate
 Sodium Stearate
 Sorbitan Monolaurate
 Sorbitan Monooleate
 Sorbitan Monopalmitate
 Sorbitan Monostearate
 Stearic Acid
 Trolamine
 Wax, Emulsifying

Filtering Aid

Cellulose, Powdered
 Siliceous Earth, Purified

Flavors and Perfumes

Anethole
 Benzaldehyde
 Ethyl Vanillin
 Menthol

Peppermint Oil
 Peppermint Spirit
 Rose Oil
 Rose Water, Stronger
 Thymol
 Vanillin

Glidant and/or Anticaking Agent

Calcium Silicate
 Magnesium Silicate
 Silicon Dioxide, Colloidal
 Tale

Humectant

Glycerin
 Hexylene Glycol
 Propylene Glycol
 Sorbitol

Ointment Base

Diethylene Glycol Monoethyl Ether
 Lanolin
 Ointment, Hydrophilic
 Ointment, White
 Ointment, Yellow
 Polyethylene Glycol Ointment
 Petrolatum
 Petrolatum, Hydrophilic
 Petrolatum, White
 Rose Water Ointment
 Squalane
 Vegetable Oil, Hydrogenated, Type II

Plasticizer

Acetyltributyl Citrate
 Acetyltriethyl Citrate
 Castor Oil
 Diacetylated Monoglycerides
 Dibutyl Sebacate
 Diethyl Phthalate
 Glycerin
 Polyethylene Glycol
 Propylene Glycol
 Triacetin
 Tributyl Citrate
 Triethyl Citrate

Polymer Membrane

Cellulose Acetate

Sequestering Agent

Beta Cyclodextrin (see Betadex)
 Betadex (formerly Beta Cyclodextrin)

Solvent

Acetone
 Alcohol
 Alcohol, Diluted
 Amylene Hydrate
 Benzyl Benzoate
 Butyl Alcohol
 Corn Oil
 Cottonseed Oil
 Diethylene Glycol Monoethyl Ether
 Ethyl Acetate
 Glycerin
 Hexylene Glycol
 Isopropyl Alcohol
 Methyl Alcohol
 Methylene Chloride
 Methyl Isobutyl Ketone
 Mineral Oil
 Peanut Oil
 Polyethylene Glycol
 Propylene Glycol
 Sesame Oil

Water for Irrigation, Sterile
Water, Purified

Sorbent

Cellulose, Powdered
Charcoal
Siliceous Earth, Purified

Sorbent, Carbon Dioxide

Barium Hydroxide Lime
Soda Lime

Stiffening Agent

Castor Oil, Hydrogenated
Cetostearyl Alcohol
Cetyl Alcohol
Cetyl Esters Wax
Cetyl Palmitate
Hard Fat
Paraffin
Synthetic Paraffin
Stearyl Alcohol
Wax, Emulsifying
Wax, White
Wax, Yellow

Suppository Base

Cocoa Butter
Hard Fat
Polyethylene Glycol

Suspending and/or Viscosity-increasing Agent

Acacia
Agar
Alginate
Aluminum Monostearate
Attapulgate, Activated
Attapulgate, Colloidal Activated
Bentonite
Bentonite, Purified
Bentonite Magma
Carbomer 910
Carbomer 934
Carbomer 934P
Carbomer 940
Carbomer 941
Carbomer 1342
Carboxymethylcellulose Calcium
Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium
Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium 12
Carrageenan
Cellulose, Microcrystalline, and Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium
Dextrin
Gelatin
Guar Gum
Hydroxyethyl Cellulose
Hydroxypropyl Cellulose
Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose
Magnesium Aluminum Silicate
Methylcellulose
Pectin
Polyethylene Oxide
Polyvinyl Alcohol
Povidone
Propylene Glycol Alginate
Silicon Dioxide
Silicon Dioxide, Colloidal
Sodium Alginate
Tragacanth
Xanthan Gum

Sweetening Agent

Aspartame
Dextrates

Mannitol
Saccharin
Saccharin Calcium
Saccharin Sodium
Sorbitol
Sorbitol Solution
Sucralose
Sucrose
Sugar, Compressible
Sugar, Confectioner's
Syrup

Tablet Binder

Acacia
Alginate
Carboxymethylcellulose, Sodium
Cellulose, Microcrystalline
Dextrin
Ethylcellulose
Gelatin
Glucose, Liquid
Guar Gum
Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose
Methylcellulose
Polyethylene Oxide
Povidone
Starch, Pregelatinized
Syrup

Tablet and/or Capsule Diluent

Calcium Carbonate
Calcium Phosphate, Dibasic
Calcium Phosphate, Tribasic
Calcium Sulfate
Cellulose, Microcrystalline
Cellulose, Powdered
Dextrates
Dextrin
Dextrose Excipient
Fructose
Kaolin
Lactitol
Lactose
Mannitol
Sorbitol
Starch
Starch, Pregelatinized
Sucrose
Sugar, Compressible
Sugar, Confectioner's

Tablet Disintegrant

Alginate
Cellulose, Microcrystalline
Croscarmellose Sodium
Crospovidone
Polacrillin Potassium
Sodium Starch Glycolate
Starch
Starch, Pregelatinized

Tablet and/or Capsule Lubricant

Calcium Stearate
Glyceryl Behenate
Magnesium Stearate
Mineral Oil, Light
Polyethylene Glycol
Sodium Stearyl Fumarate
Stearic Acid
Stearic Acid, Purified
Talc
Vegetable Oil, Hydrogenated, Type I
Zinc Stearate

Tonicity Agent

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