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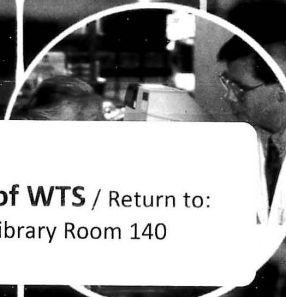


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comprehensive benefits plan a variation of the major medical plan that carries coinsurance requirements, usually 10 to 20 percent of all health expenses and deductibles ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

compressed-coated tablet a tablet covered by pressing the coating material around a previously tableted core; used for coating in the absence of water or other liquids

compressed tablet SEE *tablet, compressed*

compressibility a measure of the ease of compacting a discrete quantity of material into a nonresilient mass; granules for tableting must exhibit a high degree of compressibility; liquids exhibit low compressibility, whereas gases are highly compressible

compression process of rendering a discrete quantity of substance more dense or more compact; examples: solid granules to tablets, gases to liquids; synonym: compaction

compression coating SEE *coating; compressed-coated tablet*

compressor device or apparatus used to increase gaseous pressure in a closed system; example: refrigeration pump

compulsion insistent, repetitive urge to perform an act contrary to one's better judgment

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concentration an expression of the number of parts of one component per total parts of all other components in a system; used in many ways, such as percent by volume, by weight and by weight-in-volume, molarity, normality, milligram percent, molality, and mole fraction

concentration range allowable (acceptable) variation in parts of one component per total parts of all other components of a system; example: drug concentration varying from 98 to 102 percent of labeled amount in each dosage unit

concomitant 1: at the same time **2:** joined together

concurrent drug evaluation an electronic assessment of claims at the point of service to detect potential problems that should be addressed prior to dispensing medicines to patients

concurrent monitors procedures for regular surveillance of patient care conducted while the care is being provided

concurrent review an assessment that determines medical necessity or appropriateness of services as they are being rendered

condensation 1: reaction in which two or more organic molecules are connected to form a larger molecule; synonym: polymerization **2:** a reduc-