

Storage requirements of common medicines

The table below contains a list of common medicines requiring storage at a particular temperature. The list is not exhaustive, please check the patient information leaflet (PIL) for storage requirements if you are unsure. The date of opening must be written on the label the first time the medicine is opened.

Eye / ear drops	Brand names include:	Storage requirements
Chloramphenicol	Chloromycetin [®]	Store in fridge (2°C-8°C).
Cyclopentolate	Mydrilate [®]	Before first opening, store in a fridge (2°C-8°C). Prior to first opening, remove from fridge and store at room temperature for 30 minutes. After first opening do not store above 25°C.
Latanoprost / timolol	Xalacom [®]	Before first opening, store in fridge (2°C-8°C). Once open, can be stored at room temperature (below 25°C) for 28 days whilst in use.
Tafluprost	Saflutan [®]	Store in fridge (2°C-8°C). After opening, store below 25°C.
Liquids	Brand names include:	Storage requirements
Chlormethiazole	Hemineverin [®]	Store in fridge (2°C-8°C).
Reconstituted Antibiotics e.g. amoxicillin	N/A	
Multivitamin	Ketovite [®]	
Alfacalcidol	One-Alpha drops [®]	
Amlodipine oral solution	N/A	
Some special-order medicines	N/A	Check with pharmacy
Tablets	Brand names include:	Storage requirements
Multivitamins	Ketovite [®]	Store in fridge (2°C-8°C). Not all brands - check label
Chlorambucil	Leukeran [®]	
Phenelzine sulphate	Nardil [®]	
Melphalan	Alkeran [®]	
Fludrocortisone	Florinef [®]	

Injections		Brand names include:	Storage requirements
All insulin			Before use, store in fridge (2°C-8°C). Once in use, can be stored at room temperature (below 25°C) for up to 28 days.
Exanatide	Byetta®		
Liraglutide	Victoza®		
All vaccines			Store in fridge (2°C-8°C)
Topical		Brand names include:	Storage requirements
Tetracaine	Ametop gel®		Store in fridge (2°C-8°C).
Miconazole/ hydrocortisone	Daktacort cream®		
Nystatin/ dimeticone / hydrocortisone	Timodine cream®		Store below 15°C
Others			Storage requirements
Glucagen Hypokit			Can be stored at room temperature (below 25°C) for up to 18 months.
Pulmozyme nebuliser solution			Store in fridge (2°C-8°C).
MUSE urethral application			Can be stored at room temperature (below 25°C) for up to 14 days.
Fostair Inhalers			Once started can be stored at room temperature (below 25°C) for 6 months.
Items often prescribed locally			
Use this section to record storage requirements of medicines not already listed, but which are often prescribed locally.			