

Magnesium Oxide, Magnesium Carbonate,
Kaolin.

Used to keep powders dry

Simethicone

What are anti-foaming agents?

Used to break up and inhibit foam (gas)
formation.

Ascorbic Acid

What are antioxidants?

Used to prevent oxidation

KPhos, Sodium citrate/acetate (not important)	What are buffers?
Used to maintain theformulation witin acceptable pH range.	
Shellac, gelatin, gluten	What are coatings?
Used to prevent degradation due to oxygen, light, moisture, and mask bad taste.	
Any dye basically.	What are coloring agents?
Used to provide color to the compounded product. The color may or may not correlate to the taste. (red = cherry)	
Starch, calcium salts, lactose, mannitol, sorbitol, cellulose.	What are diluents (Fillers)?
Used to add size to small dosage forms.	

Alginic Acid, Polacrilin potassium, cellulose products, starches.	What are disintegrants?
Used to absorb water and cause to swell and burst.	
Aquaphor, Aquabase, Vaseline, Petroleum Jelly, Polybase, Eucerin, Cetaphil.	What are emollients?
Used to soften/and soothe skin, serves as a vehicle for drug delivery, and can protect the skin.	
Cellulose, shellac	What are enteric coatings?
Used to prevent dissolution in the stomach. Can be used to mask bad taste.	
Glycerin, dextrose, lactose, mannitol, sorbitol, phenylalanine, xylitol, aspartame	What are flavoring agents/sweetners?
Used to provide flavor to a compounded product.	

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Agar, alginates, guar gums, acacia, GELATIN, tragacanth, carbomer, BENTONITE, cellulose, starches.

Used to increase the viscosity of a substance

What are gelling agents/stabilizers? (Thickening agent)

Colloidal Silica, Magnesium Stearate.

Used to improve flow of properties of the powder mixture in tabs and caps by reducing inter-particle friction.

What are glidants?

Glycerin, sorbitol, propylene glycol

Prevents preparations from becoming brittle or dry.

What are humectants?

PEG, Alcohols	What are hydrophilic solvents?
Liquids with high miscibility with water. Used to dissolve solutes.	
Oils, Fats	What are hydrophobic solvents?
Liquid with no or low miscibility with water. Used to dissolve solutes.	
Mineral oil, glycerin	What are Levigating/Wetting Agents?
Used to help with the grinding process(with a wet) liquid agent.	
Magnesium Stearate	What are lubricants?
Used to help keep ingredients from sticking to each other and to equipmen	
Clorhexidine, EDTA, thimerosal, benzylalkonium chloride, benzoic acid.	What are preservatives?

NAPLEX Excipients used in Compounding

Cocoa butter (theobroma oil), hydrogenated vegetable oil, palm, kernel, coconut) PEG, gelatin.

Must stay intact or compounding but melt after insertion.

What are suppository bases?