

Who needs Specials?

Where patients have a special clinical need that cannot be met by licensed medicinal products, the law allows for the manufacture and supply of an unlicensed medicinal product, called a Special. These are prescribed by a doctor to meet the individual needs of the patient



dose inappropriate
for children and
babies

Solution
=
tailored formulation
strength and dose



allergy to
ingredients

Solution
=
an additive
(excipient)
free version



dose consistency
is critical

Solution
=
single doses from
the same source
(bioequivalent)



dysphagia

Solution
=
a special
liquid



regular medication
out of stock
in UK

Solution
=
a specially
manufactured version
using the same
ingredients



'fed' through an NGT
(nasogastric tube)

Solution
=
a special
liquid



not all tablets
dissolve in water

Solution
=
a special
liquid



quality of imported
medicine cannot be
guaranteed

Solution
=
a specially
manufactured version
using the same
ingredients



difficulty measuring
the correct
amount

Solution
=
tailored formulation
strength and dose



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