

Different Types of Medicine

- Tablet
 - Most medicines are tablets
 - Tablets may be big or small
 - Tablets come in many shapes and colors
 - They treat many diseases
 - You swallow this medicine.
- Capsule
 - Capsules are oval shaped
 - They have a special outside coating
 - You swallow this medicine
 - Do not chew this medicine.
- Liquid or syrup
 - You swallow this medicine
 - You must measure out a liquid or syrup before you take it
 - Your pharmacist can give you a tool to measure the medicine
- Drops
 - Drops come out of an eye dropper or a dropper bottle
 - They can be put in your eyes, ears, or mouth. The directions will say where to use the drops.
 - Otic means use these drops in your ears
 - Ophthalmic means use these drops in your eyes

- Oral means put these drops in your mouth
- Ointment or cream
 - You put this medicine on the outside of your body
 - You usually put it on your skin
- Inhalant
 - You breathe in this medicine so it gets to your lungs
 - Your pharmacist can show you how to use your inhaler
 - This medicine is used to help you breathe.
- Injection
 - You use a needle to put this medicine under your skin.
- Suppository
 - You put this medicine into your anus.