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Flavoring Guide for Compounded Medications

The following is a list of flavorings which have been used with success for masking the *saline taste*. This list is not all-inclusive.

Citric Acid Syrup	Chocolate Syrup
Raspberry Syrup	Orange Syrup
Cinnamon Syrup	

Bitter tasting drugs (e.g., promethazine hydrochloride, diphenhydramine hydrochloride, and quinine sulfate) can be masked by the following flavors. This list is not all-inclusive.

Chocolate Syrup	Acacia Syrup	Peppermint Oil
Raspberry Syrup	Licorice Syrup	
Cinnamon Syrup	Orange Syrup	
Aromatic Eriodictyon Syrup*		

* Interestingly, the resin in the syrup paralyzes the taste buds.

Acid drugs (i.e., those drugs imparting acid or sour taste) can be masked by the following flavors. This list is not all-inclusive.

Raspberry Syrup	Acacia Syrup
Cherry Syrup	
Pineapple Syrup	

The taste of *Vitamins* can be masked by Apple Flavor.

Consider the following Flavors for use with animals:

Blueberry	Apricot
Vanilla Butternut	Peach
Butter	Blackberry

A methylcellulose gel can be prepared with preserved water and the solution presweetened with 0.05% sodium saccharin or 0.1% Nutrasweet[®] or a combination of both. Flavors could then be added to the sweetened gel. Lingering sweeteners, such as Nutrasweet[®] can be used as a flavor sweetener or enhancer.