



New Zealand Hospital Pharmacists' Association Incorporated
Te Kāhui Whakarite Rongoā Hōhipera o Aotearoa

Recommended Expiry Dates on Re-packed¹ Medicines
For medicines re-packaged in a Hospital Pharmacy

1. A re-pack = supply of any broken bulk as a single pack or as a batch of two or more packs.

Solids

1.	Re-packs (strip packed dose forms)	manufacturer's expiry date
2.	Re-packs (loose dose forms)	12 months from date of re-pack Or manufacturer's expiry date, whichever is sooner This applies only if the container being used is equivalent to the manufacturer's container and the storage conditions meet those stated by the manufacturer.
3.	Raw materials (no manufacturer's /supplier's expiry)	Note date received Expiry = 1 year from date of receipt

Liquids

4.	Re-packs (unpreserved)	4 weeks (unless known to be less stable)
5.	Re-packs (preserved)	12 months from date of re-pack Or manufacturer's expiry date, whichever is sooner Or less if recommended e.g. Mylanta
6.	Water for Irrigation for the reconstitution of antibiotics / extemporaneous compounding	24 hours from opening

Longer expiries may be used, but must have data to support (validate) the extension to the shelf life.

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Managers' Forum
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