

Tips for splitting tablets and dosing accurately

Some medications must be dosed very accurately – e.g. Amlodipine (Istin) to avoid potentially dangerous overdose.

Inaccurate dosing can be very dangerous – the following protocol can be very useful.

- Grind the pill into fine powder (e.g. between two soup spoons)
- Thoroughly mix the powder through a spoonful* of something soft and tasty (e. fish flavoured cat food, fishy pate, minced salmon or tuna flakes)
- Once well mixed, divide the medicated spoonful evenly into 2/4/8/other** and place each dose onto a sheet of paper (greaseproof or foil are best) and place into the freezer
- Each evening take out the necessary dose from the freezer and allow to thaw overnight.
- Then feed to the patient at the correct time!
- On occasions it may be possible to use this method to mix all the different drugs together for increased convenience – please ask for advice before doing this.

Good Luck – telephone for advice if you are experiencing problems

*the smaller the volume of food/pate you mix the drug in, the easier it is to get a fussy patient to take it. A small volume can even be rubbed onto a cat's fur (on bottom or legs) for he/she to lick off, or be placed directly into the mouth or onto the gums.

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