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### OPTIMIZATION OF REPACKAGING PRACTICES FOR SOLID ORAL DOSAGE FORMS

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## **CONTEXT & OBJECTIVES**

Repackaging = the action of removing the drug from its primary packaging in order to place it into new unitdose packaging. Repackaged medicines are used outside of the manufacturer's recommendations, which places responsibility on the pharmacist.

**Objectives:** To optimize repackaging practices for solid oral dosage forms.

- To determine new expiry dates for repackaged medicines based on updated criteria established according to current guidelines.
- Establish reconditioning rules and prepare a feasibility file for each new request.

### Regional audit: heterogeneity of practices **RESULTS DEPAKINE®** found BUD set at 6 months, altered (BUD: 6 shortened if splitting/desiccant (3/11)months) BUD: 2 months (CUAP) reduced if subdivided/desiccant used. 11 AUDITED Subject to **CENTERS** No repackaging repackaging 1/4 × (original shelf life – Not applicable to current date) according repackaging to 2023 GMP Method for determining the new shelf life UAP recommendations: 2 nclusion of NIOSH Consequences: changes in practices

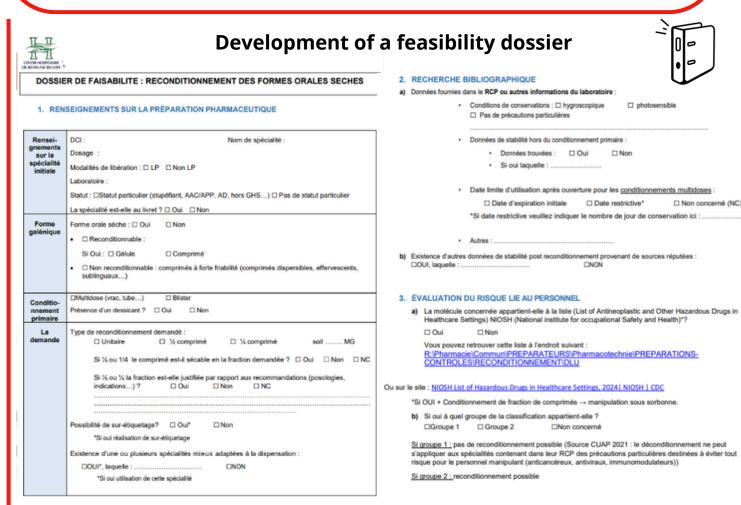
- Stock management: more frequent rotation of expiry dates
- Splitting of certain medicines in a collective protective enclosure (fume hood)

### **DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION**

# **Decision Tree for Determining the Shelf Life** Multidoses (vrac) Sur étiquetage Présence d'un dessicant OUI 30 jours post 30 jours post Date: J+60i nc décision au CHBB d'une da Cette péremption de J+30 ou J+60 peut être diminuée en cas de date d'expiration initiale de la spécialité plus restrictive Use-by date (UBD) may be shortened if: • The original expiry date is more restrictive • A use-by date after opening is provided

### **METHOD**

- 1. Analysis of guidelines and literature review.
- 2. Regional Audit: Do you perform reconditioning? How did you determine the Beyond-Use Date (BUD)?
- 3. Development of a feasibility file model for the repackaging of solid oral dosage forms.
- 4. Preparation of feasibility files for the medicines currently being repackaged.



→ 35 dossiers completed + 1 summary poster

Optimization of oral solid dosage form repackaging practices allowed harmonization of procedures, better control of repackaging-related risks, and reevaluation of BUDs. The development of validated feasibility dossiers ensures a structured approach in compliance with regulatory requirements. These results highlight the importance of continuous reassessment of practices to ensure the quality of repackaged medicines. In light of increasing management constraints and the rising demand for repackaging, particularly as a result of drug shortages, repackaging practices should be subject to regular re-evaluation.