



## Pharmacy Update

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### Emergency Compounding of an Oral Suspension from Tamiflu® 75 mg Capsules

Commercially manufactured Tamiflu® for Oral Suspension (12 mg/mL) is the preferred product for pediatric and adult patients who have difficulty swallowing capsules or where lower doses are needed. In the event that Tamiflu® for Oral Suspension is not available, the FDA has given approval for pharmacists to compound a suspension (15 mg/mL) from Tamiflu® 75 mg Capsules using Ora-Sweet® Sugar-Free or Humco® Cherry Syrup. Other vehicles have not been studied. This compounded suspension should not be used for convenience or when the FDA-approved Tamiflu® for Oral Suspension is available.

- **Effective 9/15/09, SoonerCare pharmacy coverage includes Ora-Sweet® SF ( NDC 00574-0302-16 ) for use in Tamiflu® emergency compounding.**
- **SoonerCare does not cover Humco® Cherry Syrup due to federal drug rebate requirements.**

The approved compounding procedure is included in the professional prescribing information and results in a 15 mg/mL suspension. ***Healthcare providers should note that the compounded suspension is a different concentration than commercially available Tamiflu® for Oral Suspension,*** which has a concentration of 12 mg/mL. Pharmacists and health care providers should ensure that an appropriate dispensing device (i.e., one that measures volume in mL) is provided with the compounded suspension of Tamiflu®.

Dosing charts and other information on emergency compounding of an oral suspension from Tamiflu® Capsules can be accessed in the Tamiflu® package insert at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/eua/pdf/tamiflu-hcp.pdf>.

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