

Meds That Should Not Be Crushed

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Crushing pills can improve ease of administration, but some shouldn't be crushed. Crushing **extended-release** meds can result in administration of a large dose all at once. Crushing **delayed-release** meds can alter the mechanism designed to protect the drug from gastric acids or prevent gastric mucosal irritation. Crushing **sublingual or buccal** tabs can alter effectiveness. Crushing pills **based on certain technologies** (i.e., amorphous solid dispersion or nanocrystals) can alter bioavailability.⁹ Crushing **bitter-tasting** meds can be unpleasant for the patient. Crushing **irritating or hazardous** meds can be harmful to the individual crushing the meds. If hazardous meds [e.g., carcinogenic] must be crushed, follow USP Chapter <800> standards in healthcare settings or advising outpatients on proper procedures. Hazardous meds below explicitly state not to crush in the product information. The NIOSH hazardous meds list is at <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2025-103/pdfs/2025-103.pdf?id=10.26616/NIOSH PUB2025103>.

*This table has some **common** meds that should not be crushed; many more may not be listed. Brand names are representative and may not be all-inclusive. The most current product labeling for US and Canadian products was used to confirm information, in addition to listed references.*

Modified-release: Indicates extended-release or delayed-release formulation.⁷

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Dosage Form	Comments
Acamprosate	Campral (brand discontinued)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Acetaminophen	Tylenol Arthritis Pain Extended-Release (US)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Acoramidis	Attruby	Tablet	• No information on the effects of crushing
Adagrasib	Krazati (US)	Tablet	• Risk of instability; contact manufacturer for crushing instructions ¹
Alendronate	Fosamax	Tablet	• Irritant (oropharyngeal)
Alfuzosin	Uroxatral (US), Xatral (Canada)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Alprazolam	Xanax XR (US)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Ambrisentan	Letairis (US), Volibris (Canada)	Tablet	• Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Amoxicillin/Clavulanate	Augmentin XR (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	• Modified-release • Scored tablets can be split
Aprepitant	Emend (US)	Capsule	• Nanocrystal ⁹
Asciminib	Scemblix	Tablet	• Potential for altered release or absorption due to salt form conversion ¹

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Aspirin	Ecotrin	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Irritant (gastric)
Aspirin/Dipyridamole	Aggrenox (US; brand discontinued)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Atogepant	Qulipta	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be an amorphous solid dispersion¹
Atomoxetine	Strattera	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irritant (ocular)
Avacopan	Tavneos	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be an amorphous solid dispersion¹
Avapritinib	Ayvakit	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for altered release or absorption due to changes in crystalline form or particle size¹
Belumosudil	Rezurock	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for altered release or absorption due to salt form conversion¹
Benzonatate	Tessalon Perles (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local anesthetic effect could increase the risk of choking
Bexagliflozin	Brenzavvy (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release²⁰
Bisacodyl	Dulcolax	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Irritant (gastric)
Brivaracetam	Briviact (US), Brivlera (Canada)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bad taste¹⁰
Bosutinib	Bosulif	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risks of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Budesonide	Entocort EC (US), Entocort (Canada)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Budesonide	Uceris (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Buprenorphine	Belbuca (US)	Film	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sublingual dosage form
Bupropion	Aplenzin (US), Forfivo XL (US), Wellbutrin SR (US), Wellbutrin XL, Zyban	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Cabozantinib	Cabometyx, Cometriq (US)	Capsule, Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Capivasertib	Truqap	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information on the effects of crushing
Capmatinib	Tabrecta	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for altered release or absorption due to salt form conversion¹
Carbamazepine	Carbatrol (US), Equetro (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Carbamazepine	Tegretol XR (US), Tegretol CR (Canada)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release

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Carvedilol	Coreg CR (US; brand discontinued)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Cefuroxime	Ceftin (brand discontinued)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bad taste
Ciprofloxacin	Cipro (US; brand discontinued in Canada)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bad taste
Ciprofloxacin	Cipro XR (US); Cipro XL (Canada; brand discontinued)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Clarithromycin	Biaxin XL	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Clonidine	Kapvay (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Colestipol	Colestid	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choking hazard
Cyclobenzaprine	Amrix (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Cyclophosphamide	Cytosan (US), Procytox (Canada)	Capsule (US), Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carcinogenic • Cytotoxic • Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Dabigatran	Pradaxa	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intact product must be taken to avoid increased exposure (bioavailability)
Dalfampridine	Ampyra (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Darifenacin	Enablex	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Dasatinib	Sprycel	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risks of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Deferasirox	Exjade	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tablet is for oral suspension
Desvenlafaxine	Pristiq	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Dexlansoprazole	Dexilant	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Dexmethylphenidate	Focalin XR (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Dextroamphetamine	Dexedrine Spansule	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules⁵
Dextroamphetamine/ Amphetamine	Adderall XR	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Diclofenac	Voltaren (brand discontinued)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Irritant (gastric)¹¹

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Diclofenac/misoprostol	Arthrotec	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Irritant (gastric)¹¹ • Risk of fetal harm
Diclofenac	Voltaren XR (US: Brand discontinued), Voltaren SR (Canada)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Diflunisal	Dolobid (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irritant (gastric)⁵
Diltiazem	Cardizem CD (US), Cardizem LA (US), Cartia XT (US), Dilt-XR (US), Tiazac, Tiazac XC (Canada)	Tablet, Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules (Tiazac)
Dimethyl Fumarate	Tecfidera	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Disopyramide	Norpace CR (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Divalproex	Depakote Sprinkle (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Divalproex	Depakote (US), Depakote ER (US), Epival (Canada)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Docusate Sodium	Colace	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bad taste
Donepezil	Aricept (23 mg strength only [US])	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intact product must be taken to avoid increased rate of absorption⁵
Doxazosin	Cardura XL (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Doxycycline	Doryx (US), Apprilon (Canada)	Capsule, Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Scored tablets can be broken up, taking care not to crush the pellets.
Drospirenone/estetrol	Nextstellis	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-dose product with risk of instability¹
Duloxetine	Cymbalta	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Dutasteride	Avodart, Jalyn	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility • Irritant (oropharyngeal)
Elacestrant	Orserdu	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crushing may alter bioavailability⁷
Elbasvir/Grazoprevir	Zepatier (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amorphous solid dispersion⁹
Elexacaftor/Tezacaftor/ Ivacaftor	Trikafta	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amorphous solid dispersion⁹
Ensartinib	Ensacove (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information on the effects of opening capsules
Enzalutamide	Xtandi	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility

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Ergotamine	Ergomar (US)	Tablet	• For sublingual administration
Erythromycin delayed-release	Ery-Tab (US)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Erythromycin ethylsuccinate	E.E.S. (US)	Tablet	• Bad taste ¹⁸
Esomeprazole	Nexium	Capsule (US), Tablet (Canada)	• Modified-release • Capsule can be opened for administration of intact granules ¹²
Esomeprazole/naproxen	Vimovo (brand discontinued in US)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Eszopiclone	Lunesta (US)	Tablet	• Bad taste
Etravirine	Intelence	Tablet	• Amorphous solid dispersion ⁹ • Tablet may be dispersed in water • Scored tablets can be split
Everolimus	Afinitor, Zortress (US)	Tablet	• Amorphous solid dispersion ⁹ • Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Felodipine	Plendil (brand discontinued in US)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Fenofibrate	TriCor (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	• Nanocrystal ⁹
Ferrous Sulfate	Feosol	Tablet	• Mucosal ulceration ²
Fesoterodine	Toviaz	Tablet	• Modified-release
Fexofenadine/ Pseudoephedrine	Allegra-D	Tablet	• Modified-release
Fezolinetant	Veozah	Tablet	• Effect of crushing on pharmacokinetics is unknown ¹⁹
Finasteride	Propecia, Proscar	Tablet	• Risk of fetal harm
Fluoxetine	Prozac Weekly (US; brand discontinued)	Capsule	• Modified-release
Fluvastatin	Lescol XL (US)	Tablet	• Modified-release (Lescol XL)
Fluvoxamine	Luvox CR (US; brand discontinued)	Capsule	• Modified-release
Futibatinib	Lytgobi (US)	Tablet	• Low-dose product with risk of instability ¹
Gabapentin	Gralise (US), Horizant (US)	Tablet	• Modified-release

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Galantamine	Razadyne ER (US; brand discontinued), Zunveyl (US), Reminyl ER (Canada; brand discontinued)	Capsule, Tablet	• Modified-release
Gepirone	Exxua (US)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir	Mavyret	Tablet	• Amorphous solid dispersion ⁹
Glipizide	Glucotrol XL (US)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Guaifenesin	Mucinex (US)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Guaifenesin/ Dextromethorphan	Mucinex DM (US)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Guaifenesin/ Pseudoephedrine	Mucinex D (US)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Guanfacine	Intuniv (US), Intuniv XR (Canada)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Hydroxyurea	Droxia (US; brand discontinued), Hydrea, Siklos (US)	Capsule, Tablet	• Cytotoxic • Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Ibandronate	Boniva (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	• Irritant (oropharyngeal)
Ibuprofen	Advil, Motrin	Tablet	• Bad taste ⁴
Imatinib	Gleevec	Tablet	• Irritant (gastrointestinal) • Scored tablets can be split • Can be dispersed in water • Risk of fetal harm
Inavolisib	Itovebi (US)	Tablet	• No information on the effects of crushing
Indomethacin	Indocin SR (US; brand discontinued)	Capsule	• Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules ⁴
Iptacopan	Fabhalta	Capsule	• No information on the effects of opening capsules
Isavuconazonium Sulfate	Cresemba	Capsule	• Risk of instability or reduced absorption ¹⁵
Isosorbide Mononitrate	Imdur (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	• Modified-release • Scored tablets can be split

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Isotretinoin	Absorica (US), Absorica LD, Accutane (Canada), Amnesteem (US), Claravis (US), Clarus (Canada), Epuris (Canada), Myorisan (US), Zenatane (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irritant (esophageal) • Teratogenic
Itraconazole	Sporanox	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amorphous solid dispersion⁹
Ivacaftor	Kalydeco	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amorphous solid dispersion⁹
Ivosidenib	Tibsovo	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amorphous solid dispersion⁹
Lamotrigine	Lamictal XR (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Lansoprazole	Prevacid	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Lansoprazole	Prevacid SoluTab (US), Prevacid FasTab (Canada)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be dissolved in the mouth, not chewed
Lazertinib	Lazcluze	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information on the effects of crushing
Lenalidomide	Revlimid	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teratogenic
Lenacapavir	Sunlenca	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for altered release or absorption due to salt form conversion¹
Lenvatinib	Lenvima	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Levetiracetam	Keppra	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bad taste⁴
Levetiracetam	Keppra XR (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Levodopa/Carbidopa	Sinemet CR	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Scored tablets can be split
Levomilnacipran	Fetzima	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Lithium Carbonate	Lithobid (US), Lithmax (Canada)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Lopinavir/Ritonavir	Kaletra	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amorphous solid dispersion⁹ • Reduced bioavailability with crushing⁸
Loratadine/ Pseudoephedrine	Claritin-D (US), Claritin Allergy and Sinus (Canada)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Lovastatin	Altoprev (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Lubiprostone	Amitiza	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposure of capsule contents will impair absorption²⁵
Lumacaftor/Ivacaftor	Orkambi	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amorphous solid dispersion⁹

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Mavoxifafor	Xolremdi	Capsules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information about the effects of opening capsules
Memantine	Namenda XR (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Mesalamine (mesalazine)	Apriso (US), Asacol HD (US; brand discontinued), Delzicol (US; brand discontinued), Lialda (US), Mezavant (Canada), Octasa (Canada), Pentasa	Tablet, Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Capsules can be opened for administration of intact granules (Delzicol, Pentasa)
Metformin	Fortamet (US), Glucophage XR (US; brand discontinued), Glumetza	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Methylphenidate	Aptensio XR (US), Biphentin (Canada), Metadate CD (US), Foquest (Canada), Jornay PM, Metadate CD, Ritalin LA (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Methylphenidate	Concerta, Cotempla XR-ODT (US), Relexxii (US), Ritalin SR (Canada; brand discontinued)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Metoprolol Succinate	Toprol-XL (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Scored tablets can be split
Miltefosine	Impavido	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teratogenic • Risk of impaired fertility
Minocycline	Emrosi (US), Solodyn (US; brand discontinued)	Capsule, Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Mirabegron	Myrbetriq	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Momelotinib	Ojjaara	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information on the effects of crushing
Morphine Sulfate	Avinza (US; brand discontinued); Kadian (Canada; brand discontinued in US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Morphine Sulfate	MS Contin	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Mycophenolate	CellCept	Capsule, Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teratogenic²³ • Irritant²³ • Immunosuppressive
Mycophenolic Acid	Myfortic	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release

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Naproxen	EC Naprosyn (US), Naprelan (US), Pro-naproxen EC (Canada), Teva-naproxen EC (Canada)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Nevirapine	Viramune XR (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Niacin	Niaspan (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Nicotine	Nicorette (US)	Lozenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be dissolved in the mouth, not chewed
Nifedipine	Adalat CC (US; brand discontinued), Adalat Oros (Canda), Procardia XL (US), Adalat XL (Canada)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Nilotinib	Tasigna, Danziten (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Risk of fetal harm • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	Paxlovid	Tablets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information on the effects of crushing
Nirogacestat	Ogsiveo (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In one clinical trial, could be dispersed in water (may not fully dissolve). Ora-Sweet could be added.⁶
Nisoldipine	Sular (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Nitroglycerin	Nitrostat	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sublingual dosage form
Olaparib	Lynparza	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amorphous solid dispersion⁹ • Risk of fetal harm
Omaveloxolone	Skyclarys	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be opened for administration
Omeprazole	Prilosec (US), Losec (Canada)	Capsule, Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Capsule can be opened for administration of intact granules⁵
Opicapone	Ongentys (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for instability¹
Orphenadrine	Norflex ER (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Oxybutynin	Ditropan XL (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Oxycodone	OxyContin (US), OxyNEO (Canada), Xtampza ER (US)	Capsule, Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Oxymorphone	Opana ER (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Paliperidone	Invega	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release

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Pancreatic Enzymes	Cotazym (Canada), Creon, Pancrease (Canada), Pancreaze (US), Pertzye (US), Viokace, Zenpep (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release (capsules) • Irritant (oral mucosal) • Capsules can be opened for administration of intact granules
Pantoprazole	Protonix (US), Pantoloc (Canada)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Paroxetine	Paxil CR	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Pazopanib	Votrient	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased absorption • Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Pentoxifylline	Trental (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Piroxicam	Feldene (US)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irritant (oropharyngeal)⁴
Pirtobrutinib	Jaypirca (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of fetal harm
Pomalidomide	Pomalyst	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teratogenic
Posaconazole	Noxafil (US; brand discontinued), Posanol (Canada)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amorphous oral dispersion⁹ • Modified-release
Potassium Chloride	Micro-K (US; brand discontinued)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules⁴
Potassium Chloride	Klor-Con (US), K-tab (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Potassium Chloride	Klor-Con (US; brand discontinued)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Potassium Chloride	K-Dur (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release • Scored tablet may be cut in half. • May be dispersed in water.
Pralsetinib	Gavreto	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for instability¹
Praziquantel	Biltricide (brand discontinued in US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bad taste • Scored tablets can be split
Propafenone	Rythmol SR (US; brand discontinued)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Propranolol	Inderal LA (US), InnoPran XL (US), Lupin-propranolol LA (Canada)	Capsule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release
Pseudoephedrine	Sudafed 12 Hour (US)	Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified-release

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Pseudoephedrine/ Desloratadine	Clarinet D (US)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Pseudoephedrine/ Fexofenadine	Allegra D	Tablet	• Modified-release
Pyridostigmine	Mestinon Timespan (US), Mestinon SR (Canada)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Quetiapine	Seroquel XR	Tablet	• Modified-release
Quizartinib	Vanflyta	Tablet	• In one clinical trial, tablets could be dissolved in water ²¹
Rabeprazole	Aciphex (US), Aciphex Sprinkle (US), Pariet (Canada)	Capsule, Tablet	• Modified-release
Raloxifene	Evista	Tablet	• Bad taste ⁴ • Risk of fetal harm • Evidence of tumors at low doses in lab studies ¹⁴
Ranolazine	Ranexa (US; brand discontinued), Corzyna (Canada)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Regorafenib	Stivarga	Tablet	• Amorphous solid dispersion ⁹ • Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Repotrectini	Augtyro (US)	Capsule	• No information on the effects of opening capsules
Ripretinib	Qinlock	Tablet	• May be an amorphous solid dispersion ¹
Risedronate	Actonel	Tablet	• Irritant (oropharyngeal)
Risedronate	Atelvia (US), Actonel DR (Canada)	Tablet	• Modified-release • Irritant (oropharyngeal)
Risperidone	Risperdal M-Tab (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	• Must be allowed to dissolve on the tongue
Ritlecitinib	Litfulo	Capsule	• No information on the effects of opening capsules
Ritonavir	Norvir	Tablet	• Amorphous solid dispersion ⁹
Ropinirole	Requip XL (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Selumetinib	Koselugo	Capsules	• Special dosage form (semi-solid fill content) suggests bioavailability may be altered if crushed ¹
Sirolimus	Rapamune	Tablet	• Nanocrystal ⁹

Medications That Should Not Be Crushed ^{1,3-5,10,13,14,22}			
Generic Name	Brand Name	Dosage Form	Comments
Solifenacin	Vesicare	Tablet	• Bad taste
Sotagliflozin	Inpefa	Tablet	• No information on the effects of crushing
Sulfasalazine	Azulfidine EN-Tabs (US), Salazopyrin EN (Canada)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Suvorexant	Belsomra (US)	Tablet	• Amorphous solid dispersion ⁹
Suzetrigine	Journavx (US)	Tablet	• Can be dispersed in a small amount of water for immediate administration. ²⁴
Tacrolimus	Astagraf XL (US), Prograf	Capsule	• Amorphous solid dispersion ⁹
Tamsulosin	Flomax (US; brand discontinued), Flomax CR (Canada; brand discontinued)	Capsule, Tablet	• Modified-release • Capsule may be opened for administration of intact beads. ¹⁶
Tapentadol	Nucynta ER	Tablet	• Modified-release
Temozolomide	Temodar (US; brand discontinued), Temodal (Canada)	Capsule	• Cytotoxic • Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Tezacaftor/Ivacaftor	Symdeko	Tablet	• Amorphous solid dispersion ⁹
Theophylline	Theo-24 (US)	Capsule	• Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Theophylline	Theo-ER (Canada), Uniphyll (US; brand discontinued), Theo-Dur (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Tipranavir	Aptivus	Capsule	• Bad taste ⁴
Tolterodine	Detrol LA	Capsule	• Modified-release
Topiramate	Topamax	Capsule, Tablet	• Bad taste • Capsules can be opened for administration of intact granules
Topiramate	Qudexy XR (US), Trokendi XR (US)	Capsule	• Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules (Qudexy XR)
Tramadol	ConZip (US), Ultram ER (US; brand discontinued), Zytram XL (Canada)	Capsule, Tablet	• Modified-release
Trazodone	Desyrel (brand discontinued)	Tablet	• Bad taste ⁵ • Scored tablets can be split

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Generic Name	Brand Name	Dosage Form	Comments
Tucatinib	Tukysa	Tablet	• May be an amorphous solid dispersion ¹
Vadadustat	Vafseo (US)	Tablet	• No information on the effects of crushing
Valganciclovir	Valcyte	Tablet	• Irritant ¹⁷ • Risk fetal harm and impaired fertility • Carcinogenic
Valproic Acid	Depakene (brand discontinued)	Capsule	• Irritant (oropharyngeal)
Vandetanib	Caprelsa	Tablet	• Tablet may be dispersed in water. • Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Vemurafenib	Zelboraf	Tablet	• Amorphous solid dispersion ⁹
Venetoclax	Venclexta	Tablet	• Amorphous solid dispersion ⁹
Venlafaxine	Effexor XR	Capsule	• Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Verapamil	Verelan (US), Verelan PM (US)	Capsule	• Modified-release • Can be opened for administration of intact granules
Verapamil	Isoptin SR (brand discontinued in US)	Tablet	• Modified-release • Scored tablets can be split
Vimseltinib	Romvimza (US)	Capsule	• No information on the effects of opening capsules
Vismodegib	Erivedge	Capsule	• Teratogenic
Voclosporin	Lupkynis	Capsule	• Special dosage form (one-piece soft gelatin capsule) suggests bioavailability may be altered if crushed ¹
Vorasidenib	Voranigo	Tablet	• No information on the effects of crushing
Vorinostat	Zolinza	Capsule	• Risk of fetal harm and impaired fertility
Xanomeline/trospium	Cobenfy (US)	Capsule	• No information on effects of opening capsules
Zileuton	Zyflo CR (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Zolpidem	Ambien CR (US)	Tablet	• Modified-release
Zolpidem	Edluar (US), Intermezzo (US; brand discontinued)	Tablet	• Sublingual dosage form

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