absorb
to take up or be received by chemical interaction
"The cream is absorbed directly into the skin."

active ingredient
the chemically active part of a drug
"Benadryl's active ingredient is diphenhydramine."

contraindications
something which makes a particular course of treatment unadvisable.
"Most drugs contain a list of contraindications on the instructions."

dietary supplement
a product containing ingredients with nutritional value, designed to compensate for a lack of this ingredient in a person's diet
"More and more people are taking dietary supplements to ensure that they meet the recommended daily allowance of vitamins and minerals."

discontinue
to cease or stop
"You should discontinue taking the tablets if you feel any shortness of breath."

drops
a liquid medicine which is given in the form of globules
"Eye-drops are the most common medication for treating infections in the eye."

drowsiness
the state of feeling tired
"Thousands of drivers each year are killed because of drowsiness."

effervescence tablet
a tablet which dissolves in water giving off small bubbles
"Effervescence tablets are one of the most popular forms of vitamin supplement."

fill a prescription
to validate and supply the required items of a prescription
"I took the prescription to my local pharmacist who filled it."
**generic**
- a product which is directly comparable to a brand name but without trademark
  - "Generic drugs are usually much lower in cost than brand name drugs."

**liniment**
- a liquid or semi-liquid preparation which is applied directly to the skin
  - "Liniments are most commonly used in the treatment of bruises or sprains."

**nasal**
- of or relating to the nose
  - "When they examined the boy, they realized he had a small plastic car stuck in his nasal cavity."

**numb**
- without physical sensation or the ability to move
  - "His hands were numb from the cold."

**orally**
- done, taken or administered through the mouth
  - "Pills and tablets are usually taken orally."

**over-the-counter**
- without a doctors' prescription but within the law
  - "A lot of over-the-counter medicines can now be bought online."

**side effects**
- a negative or detrimental effect which accompanies a drug's intended effect
  - "Patients often feel quite concerned when they see a long list of possible side effects."

**suppository**
- a solid mass of medicinal substance which melts when inserted into the rectum or vagina
  - "Suppositories are often used to treat infants for whom orally administered treatment is not an option."

**tincture**
- a solution of alcohol and animal, vegetable or chemical drugs
  - "Most herbal extracts in the form of liquids are tinctures."

**topical**
- local, applied externally to a specific part of the body
  - "Topical anesthetics are used to relieve pain from sunburn, burns and insect bites"
transdermal
applied to the skin for absorption into the blood stream
"Nicotine patches are the most common transdermal patches in the US."