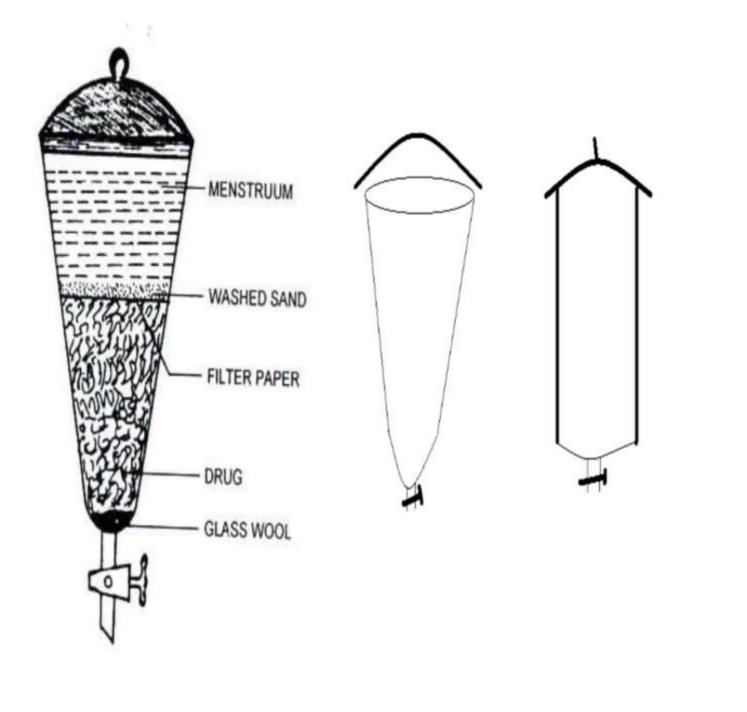
## EXTRACTION

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## **PERCOLATION PROCESS**

- 3 types of percolation process used for the extraction of drugs are:
  - Simple percolation or percolation process for tinctures.
- Percolation process for concentrated preparations
- a. Reverse percolation process
- Modified percolation process
- iii. Continuous hot percolation or soxhelation



## SIMPLE PERCOLATION PROCESS

- In the percolator, arrange the powder on their size i.e coarse powder to fine powder.
- Imbibition: at that first stage, the drug firstly moisten or swelling of the tissues of the drug before packing it into the percolator.
- Packing of the drug: before packing the drug firstly pass through the sieves for prevention of lumps & masses.
- Then, glass wool moistened with the solvent is placed at the bottom of the percolator to prevent the blockage of the outlet trap.
- Then add the moisten drug into the percolator & pressed lightly after each addition & drug is packed upto 2/3<sup>rd</sup> or 3/4<sup>th</sup> of the percolator.

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- Then placed filter paper on the packed drug.
- Then placed washed sand on that for prevent disturbance of the top layers of the drug.
- Finally add the menstruum to saturate the material. When liquid starts coming out from the percolator ,outlet is closed.
- And again add menstruum in the percolator.
- Then allow it to macerate for 24 hrs. the percolator is closed to prevent evaporation of the solvent.
- **Maceration:** after 24 hrs maceration, open the outlet of the percolator & collect the percolate which measures about 3/4<sup>th</sup> of the volume required for the finish product.
- The rate of collection of percolate is generally 10-30 drops per minute.

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- After collecting the required quty. of percolator, the marc is taken out from the percolator & it is pressed to recover the solvent.
  - Then adjust the final volume with menstruum.
- Then, liquid is filtered in order to free it from other material.
- e.g. Tincture of belladona, strong tincture of ginger.

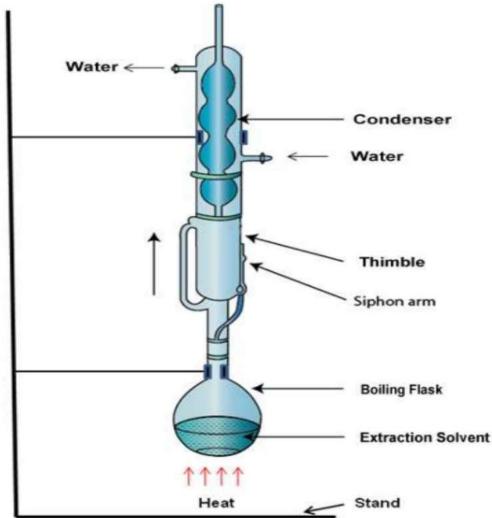
## PERCOLATION PROCESS FOR CONCENTRATED PREPARATIONS

#### **RESERVE PERCOLATION PROCESS:**

- In this process, a part of the percolate, generally 3/4<sup>th</sup> the volume of the finished preparation, is reserved.
  - Then the percolation process is continued till the drug is completely exhausted.
  - Then the percolate is subjected evaporation or distillation to convert it into a soft extract.
- This soft extract is dissolved in the reserve portion of the percolate & then sufficient menstruum is added to produce the required volume.

## **CONTINUOUS HOT PERCOLATION OR SOXHELATION**

 This process apply when, the drug are not freely soluble in the solvent.



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- The powdered plant material is packed in a thimble.
- The solvent is boiled in a flask. The evaporated solvent passes through the side tube of the extractor and condensed in the condenser, fitted at the top of the extractor.
- The condensed hot solvent runs into the thimble and soaks the material & extracts the constituents.
- When the chamber holding the thimble becomes full the solvent siphons down to the flask and the process is continuously repeated till extraction is complete

# DIGESTION

- In digestion process, the drug is extracted by heating at a particular pressure.
- This will increase the penetration power of the menstruum, so that there is complete extraction of the drug.
- Percautions should be taken so that the increased temperature may not harm the active constituents of the drug.

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- The apparatus know as "Digestor" is used for extraction of the drug by this method.
- It is a vessel made up of metal. The whole of the drug along with the menstruum is placed in the body of the digestor.
- Place the cover over it and bolt it with the help of nuts.
- The drug is treated with menstruum for a definite period under specified conditions of temperature and pressure.

## FACTORS AFFECTING CHOICE OF EXTRACTION PROCESS

- Character of drug
- Cost of drug: costly drug extracted by percolator & cheap drug extracted by maceration process.
- Stability of drug: for thermolabile drugs avoid continuous hot extraction process.
- Solvent: non-aq. Solvent used for extraction & water is used for maceration process.
- Therapeutic value of drug: when drug has considerable therapeutic value, the max .extraction is required, so percolation process is used.

