

Powders

- **Powder** constitute the most basic form of herbal formulations.
- They are either single component or a mixture.
- The herbal drugs are comminuted as fine or coarse powder.
- They are packed in multi dose containers or single dose sachets or bags.
- **Powder** form is preferred for mucilage containing drugs that cannot be formulated as tablets or capsules.
- Powder of solid extracts are also manufactured but are more potent and susceptible to deterioration by light, heat and moisture as they lack the protection.

Granules and Pills

- When the powder is mixed with binders and formulated into aggregates usually in the form of small beads, these are known as granules.
- Starch, gelatin, methyl cellulose, acacia, povidone, simple syrup, lactose, sucrose are commonly used binders.
- Granules can be further punched into tablets.
- Relatively bigger sized aggregates are known as pills.