



# How to use the FDA Inactive Ingredient Database (IID)

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# Sources of Confusion

Ingredient  
names

Numerous  
potencies

Maximum  
potency

Changes





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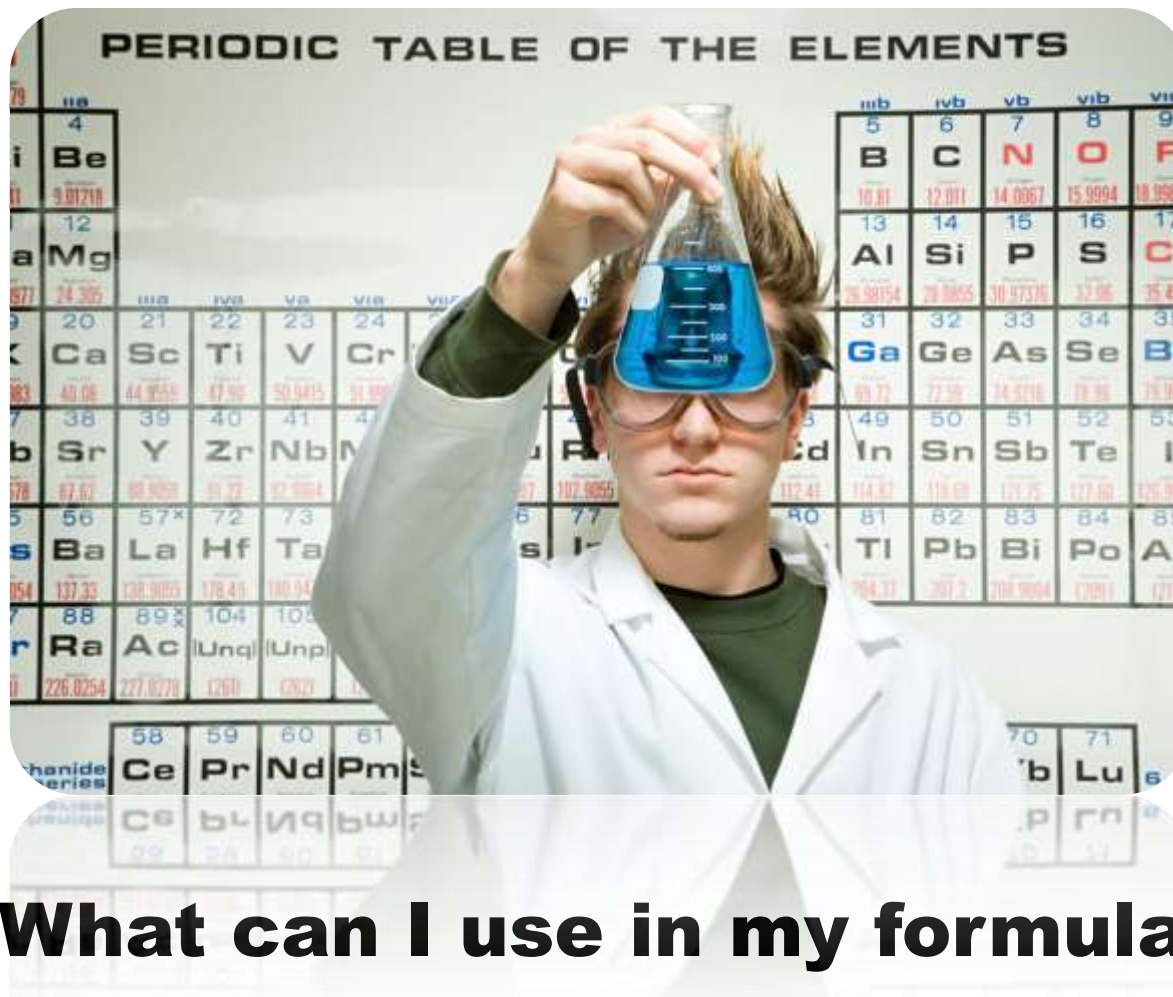
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# Outline

- What is in the IID?
- IID Search
- Ingredient names
- Maximum potency
- How does it work?
- Application review
- Important considerations
- Changes
- Summary

# Product Development Dilemma



**“What can I use in my formula?”**

# Use the IID

- Searchable list
- Inactive ingredients in approved products
- Maximum levels
- Toolbox for development





# Evidence of Safe Use

- Once an ingredient is used in an approved drug product, it is no longer considered new
  - For a specific route of administration
- Can be consider safe
  - Used in a similar manner
  - For a similar type of product
  - Within listed potency (amount)



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# What is in the IID?

1. Ingredient name
2. Route of administration
3. Dosage form
4. CAS number
5. UNII code
6. Maximum potency

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## Inactive Ingredient Search for Approved Drug Products

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Search for an inactive ingredient



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# Example of an IID Search

## Inactive Ingredient Search for Approved Drug Products

About this Database (<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOn-Drugs/ucm080123.htm>)

Polyethylene glycol 6000



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# Example of an IID Search

## polyethylene glycol 6000

Substance  
Registration  
System (SRS)  
Preferred  
Name and UNII

Inactive Ingredient	Route	Dosage Form	CAS Number	UNII	Maximum Potency
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POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 6000	ORAL	CAPSULE, HARD GELATIN	25322683	30IQX730WE	450MG
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 6000	ORAL	CAPSULE, SUSTAINED ACTION	25322683	30IQX730WE	17.46MG
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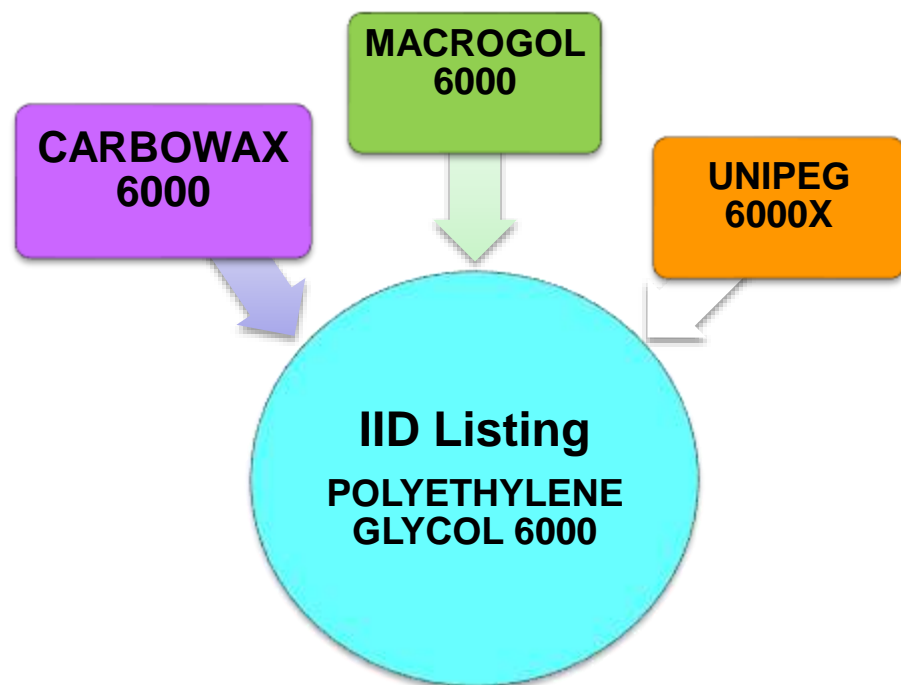
# Ingredient Names

IID Uses the Substance Registration System (SRS)



## Tips for Searching

1. IID ingredient names come from SRS
2. IID does not list trade names, usually
3. Always check SRS for the preferred name first
4. Then search IID using the preferred name



# Example of an IID Search

## polyethylene glycol 6000



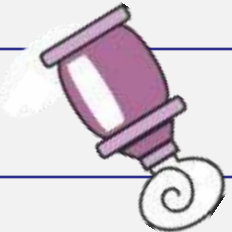


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Highest Level  
per Unit Dose



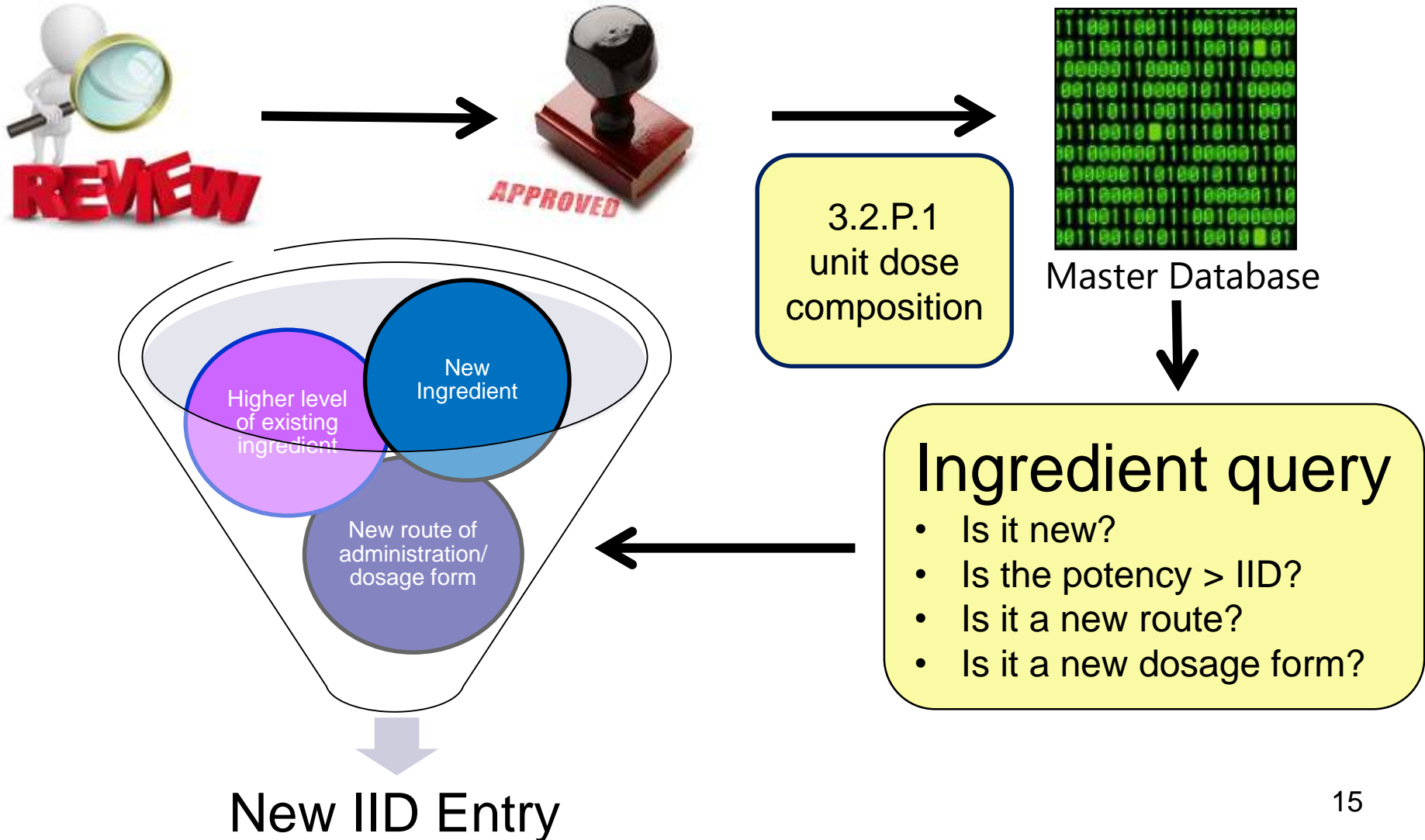
# What is Maximum Potency?

Maximum potency = Highest amount per unit dose

DOSAGE FORM	UNITS
SOLID ORAL 	X MG (unit dose)
LIQUID ORAL 	X MG/X ML (unit dose)
TOPICALS 	%W/W, %W/V, %V/V
PARENTERALS 	% (W/V)
TDS 	MG (per system)



# How Do Ingredients Get Into the IID?





# Using IID Information in an ANDA

Hypothetical generic product

DS tablets 100 mg

Maximum Daily Dose (MDD): 2 tablets

Ingredient	Function	Amount per tablet (mg)	% W/W
Drug substance (DS)	active ingredient	100 mg	20% W/W
Polyethylene glycol 6000	diluent	400 mg	80% W/W
Total tablet weight		500 mg	100% W/W

**Is the amount of excipient per unit dose within IID?**

**Yes**

POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 6000	ORAL	CAPSULE, HARD GELATIN	25322683	30IQX730WE	450MG
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# Using IID Information in an ANDA

**Is the maximum daily intake of the excipient higher than previously approved products?**

MDD = 2 tablets = 800 mg = maximum daily intake (MDI)

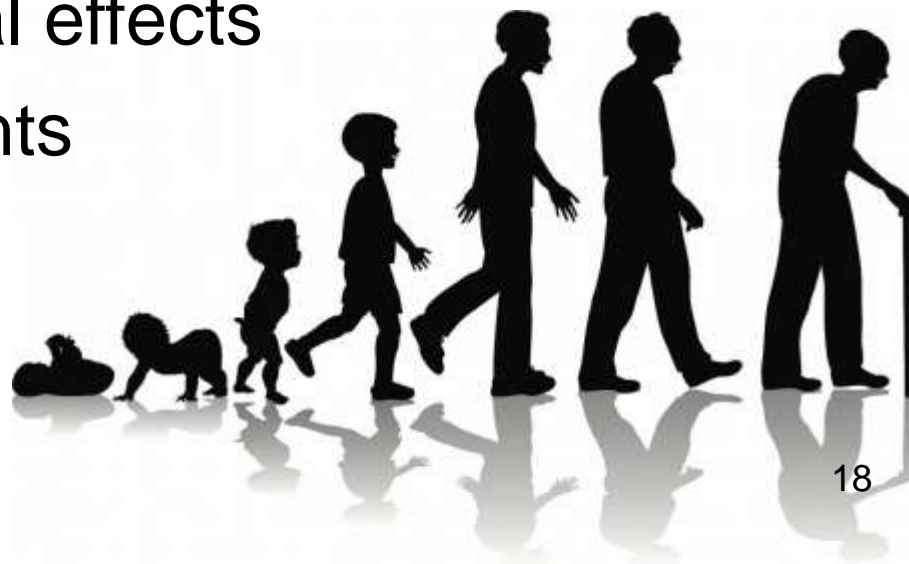
- IID does not provide maximum daily intake
- There is uncertainty of FDA acceptance
- Approvability will be determined in the scientific review

Some options to support the application

1. Control Correspondence
2. Safety data - pharmacology/toxicology
3. Reference to approved products with higher amounts

# Important Considerations

- Consider context of use
- Consider patient population
- Consider known adverse effects
- Know the excipient
  - Potential clinical effects
  - Residual solvents
  - Impurities
  - Interactions



# What's Not in the IID?

- Inactive ingredients in BLAs
- Active ingredients
- Reagents
- Processing aids
- Solvents that are removed through processing
- Source application numbers
- Approval dates

# Changes to the IID



# Summary

- Reference the IID
- Use SRS for ingredient names
- Maximum potency = highest amount per unit dose
- Approvability of maximum daily intake (MDI) is part of the scientific review
- Concerns about MDI can be addressed through controlled correspondence
- Consider suitability of the excipient for the product

# Contact Information

- Corrections and questions about the IID  
[IIDUpdate@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:IIDUpdate@fda.hhs.gov)
- Corrections and questions about SRS preferred names  
[fda-srs@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:fda-srs@fda.hhs.gov)
- Questions about excipients in development of generic products: Controlled Correspondence  
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# Questions?



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