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adj.

1. Readily available in pharmacies; not requiring special preparation.
2. Recognized by a pharmacopoeia: *an officinal herb*.

[French, from Medieval Latin *officinālis*, of a storeroom or workshop, from Latin *officina*, workshop, alteration of *opificina*, from *opifex*, *opific-*, workman : *opus*, work; see **op-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *facere*, to do; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

of·fic i·nal·ly *adv.*

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