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n. pl. e·lec·tu·ar·ies

A drug mixed with sugar and water or honey into a pasty mass suitable for oral administration.

[Middle English *electuarie*, from Late Latin *ēlēctuārium*, probably alteration of Greek *ekleikton*, from *ekleikhein*, to lick up : *ek-*, out; see **eghs** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *leikhein*, to lick; see **leigh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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