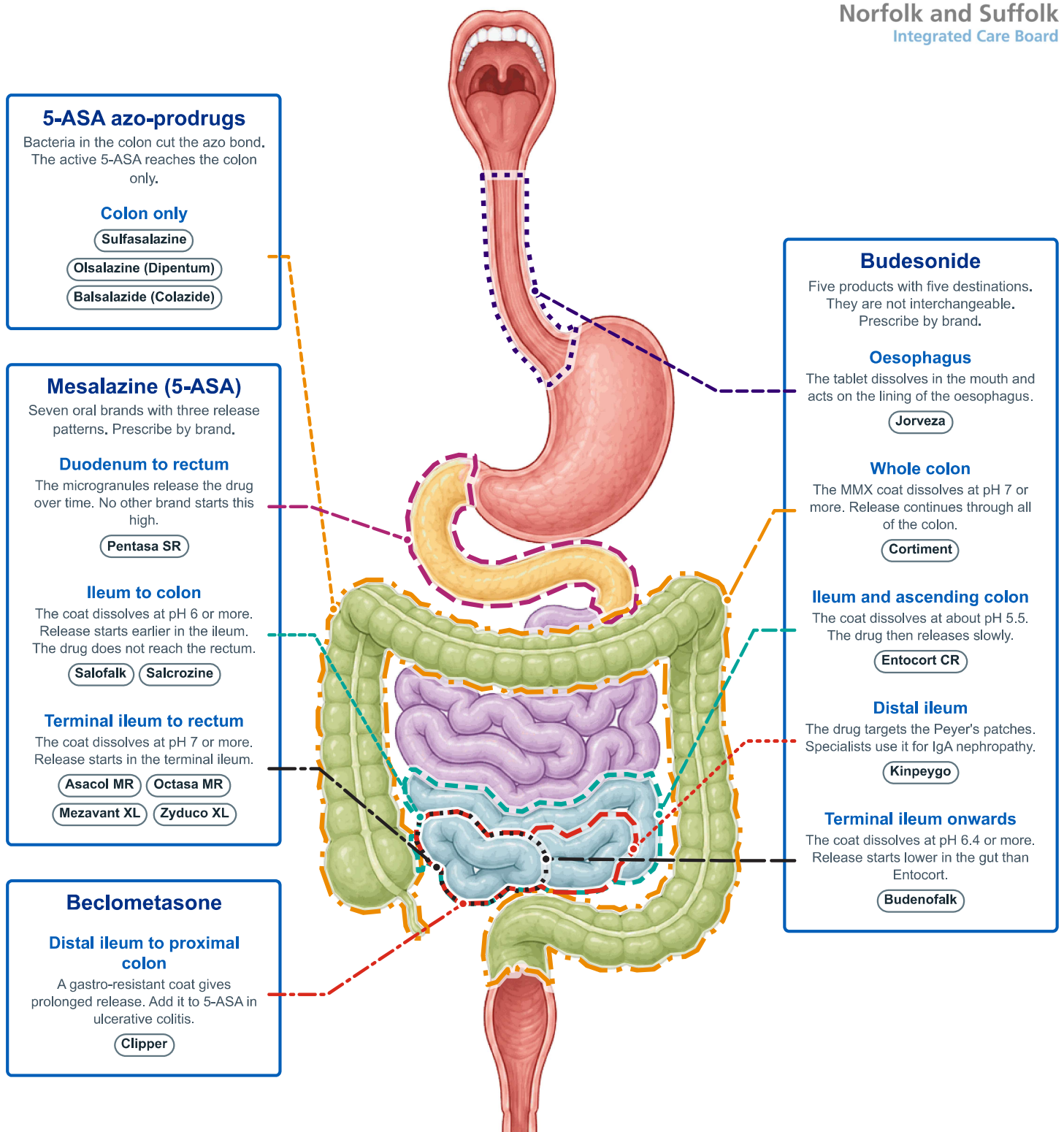




Each coloured line points to the organ where release **starts**. It does not show where release stops. Read the route heading and the table overleaf for the full extent.



Same drug name. Different destination.

Budesonide and mesalazine products are NOT interchangeable. Entocort CR, Budenofalk and Cortiment all contain budesonide, but each one releases in a different part of the gut. Each one also has different licensed indications. In dm+d these products have different generic descriptions. Their entries on prescribing picking lists look alike and are easy to confuse. **Always prescribe oral mesalazine and oral budesonide by BRAND.**

No medicine on this page releases in the stomach. A coat protects each tablet and capsule from stomach acid. Do not crush or chew them, because this destroys the targeted release.

Mesalazine (5-ASA). Seven brands with three release patterns.

Product	Oesoph.	Stomach	Duod.	Jejunum	Ileum	Colon	Rectum	Mechanism	Licensed use
Pentasa SR	✗	✗	✓	✓	Full	✓	✓	Ethylcellulose-coated microgranules. Release is time dependent from the duodenum to the rectum.	Ulcerative colitis (acute and maintenance).
Salofalk	✗	✗	✗	✗	Full	✓	✗	The coat dissolves at pH 6 or more. Release starts earlier in the ileum than Asacol.	UC (acute). The 1 g tablet has no maintenance licence.
Salcrozine	✗	✗	✗	✗	Full	✓	✗	Gastro-resistant tablet with a pH-dependent coat. Release occurs in the ileum and the colon.	UC (acute and maintenance).
Asacol MR	✗	✗	✗	✗	Terminal	✓	✓	The coat dissolves at pH 7 or more. Release starts in the terminal ileum.	UC (acute and maintenance). Maintenance of Crohn's ileo-colitis.
Octasa MR	✗	✗	✗	✗	Terminal	✓	✓	Generic equivalent of Asacol MR. It is bioequivalent and releases at pH 7 or more.	UC (acute and maintenance). Maintenance of Crohn's ileo-colitis.
Mezavant XL	✗	✗	✗	✗	Terminal	✓	✓	MMX multi-matrix tablet. The coat dissolves at pH 7 or more. Release continues to the rectum. Once each day.	UC (acute and maintenance).
Zyduco XL	✗	✗	✗	✗	Terminal	✓	✓	MMX-type tablet of 1,200 mg, equivalent to Mezavant. Once each day.	UC (acute and maintenance).

Budesonide. Five products with five destinations.

Product	Oesoph.	Stomach	Duod.	Jejunum	Ileum	Colon	Rectum	Mechanism	Licensed use
Jorveza	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	Orodispersible tablet. It dissolves in the mouth and acts on the mucosa of the oesophagus.	Eosinophilic oesophagitis.
Entocort CR	✗	✗	✗	✗	Full	Ascending	✗	The coat dissolves at about pH 5.5. Release is slow through the ileum and ascending colon.	Mild to moderate Crohn's of the ileum or ascending colon. Microscopic colitis.
Kinpeygo	✗	✗	✗	✗	Distal	✗	✗	Delayed release in the distal ileum. It targets the Peyer's patches.	Primary IgA nephropathy (specialist).
Budenofalk	✗	✗	✗	✗	Terminal	✓	✗	The coat dissolves at pH 6.4 or more. Release starts in the terminal ileum, the caecum and the ascending colon.	Crohn's of the ileum or ascending colon. Microscopic colitis. Autoimmune hepatitis.
Cortiment	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	MMX tablet. The coat dissolves at pH 7 or more. Release then continues through all of the colon.	Mild to moderate UC when 5-ASA is not sufficient. Microscopic colitis.

Beclometasone

Product	Oesoph.	Stomach	Duod.	Jejunum	Ileum	Colon	Rectum	Mechanism	Licensed use
Clipper (beclometasone dipropionate)	✗	✗	✗	✗	Distal	Proximal	✗	Gasiro-resistant tablet with prolonged release from the distal ileum into the proximal colon.	Add-on to 5-ASA in mild to moderate UC.

5-ASA azo-prodrugs. Bacteria in the colon cut the azo bond.

Product	Oesoph.	Stomach	Duod.	Jejunum	Ileum	Colon	Rectum	Mechanism	Licensed use
Sulfasalazine, olsalazine or balsalazide	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	Bacteria in the colon cut the azo bond. The active 5-ASA reaches the colon only.	UC. Sulfasalazine also has rheumatological uses.