THE MOST IMPORTANT PRESCRIPTION ABBREVIATION

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Abstract: This abstract tells us about the important prescription abbreviation, their beginning, where they originated from, most commonly used abbreviations and their importance in day to day and medical life.

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INTRODUCTION

Each prescription has the following details (which are checked at the pharmacy when accepting the prescription from the patient:

The name of the health care facility, its address and telephone number - usually in the form of a rectangular stamp in the upper left corner. Name of the type of prescription form (148, 107, special form, etc.)

Series and recipe number (except 107/y)

Prescription date

Full name of the patient (first and patronymic in the form of initials), his age (in the form of date of birth), address, medical history number (not for form 107/y)

Full name of the doctor (name and patronymic in the form of initials) who wrote the prescription

The actual prescription (finished medicine or instructions to the pharmacy to produce it extemporaneously)

Doctor's signature

Stamp of health care facility "For prescriptions" (not for form 107/u)

Doctor's personal stamp

Expiration date of the prescription (indicated by the doctor)

Only for special forms - stamp of the medical facility and signature of the chief physician (chief of medicine)

In special cases (for example, for chronically ill people or when intentionally overprescribing potent substances), the top of the prescription form may be marked "Chronically ill" or "For special purposes." Then, pharmacists (pharmacists) pay special attention to this and handle the prescription according to the situation. Such notes are certified by the doctor's signature and the seal of the health care facility.

Prescriptions for potent drugs located on the PCU, as well as for forms containing ethyl alcohol, remain in the pharmacy. In return, the patient is given a signature - a special form with an oblique yellow stripe on the front side. The signature does not have legal force (that is, it cannot be used to obtain medicine at the pharmacy), however, when the patient visits the doctor again, he will thus be able to remember what medicine was prescribed to him last time and the doctor, if necessary, will be able to write a new prescription using the old signature. However, in practice the signature is often not issued.

The prescription forms themselves can be written out for a finished dosage form, or with instructions to the pharmacy to prepare the dosage form extemporaneously. Currently in Russia the following are extemporaneously prepared: powders, ointments, solutions for oral administration (potions), solutions for external use, nasal drops, eye drops (rarely), infusions (rarely), decoctions (rarely).

In the case of an extemporaneous prescription, the doctor must take into account the personal characteristics of the patient, the compatibility of the ingredients and be guided by the requirements of the current State Pharmacopoeia, orders of the Ministry of Health and other regulations that have legal force.

The prescription abbreviation were made to simplify the work of physician who rather have to write the entire word but for instead agreed upon using certain smaller version of the word which would be under stood by both the physician and the patient.

Some of the common abbreviations are:

Tbsp - Tablespoon

Tsp - Teaspoon

w/o - Without

x - Times

In our country like India prescriptions are generally written in English but some words, some Latin words and some abbreviations are used in different parts of the world to make it easier for the pharmacist who reads the prescription.

The symbol commonly used for prescription is Rx which is the abbreviated form of the word 'recipere' which means to take.

In this case, a prescription was issued for a complex combination ointment.

Rp.: - short for the Latin word "recipe" - take. Next is a list of components that need to be taken to prepare the ointment (components are written in Latin in the genitive case). The first component is written after the colon, all other components are strictly (!) below it.

Menthol and Novocaine - (ana, abbreviation as with a line above the letters) "equally" 0.1 g, that is, 100 mg of each.

Adrenaline hydrochloride solution 0.1% - drops (guttas) 10 (according to tradition, the number of drops is written in Roman numerals)

Zinc oxide 1 g

Lanolin 5 g - a component of the ointment base is usually written at the end of the recipe

Vaseline 15 g - the second component of the ointment base

Misce ut fiat unguentum - Mix to make an ointment

Yes. Signa - Give it out. Label. Nose ointment.

There according to some sources its known that the medical abbreviation are generally in latin to maintain the secrecy of their remedies while writing medication as the common people wouldn't know then what they are being prescribed.

Now not only do we use abbreviation from Latin in medical field but many times we use them in day to day life writing without even knowing that their origin is from Latin.

i.e., is from id est which we generally use for that is,

e.g. Exampli gratia which we generally use for examples

etc., is from etcetra which in English is and so forth

vs., for versus which is against or for opposition

CONCLUSION

Prescription plays a very important role in medical field. Prescriptions have been followed from centuries, and the common abbreviations which are generally used are given above. Some are used so frequently but we didn't realize that they were abbreviations rather than actual words.

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