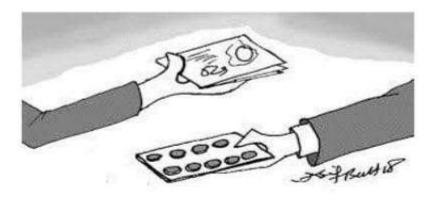
PRESCRIPTION



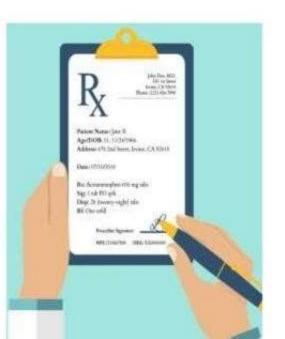
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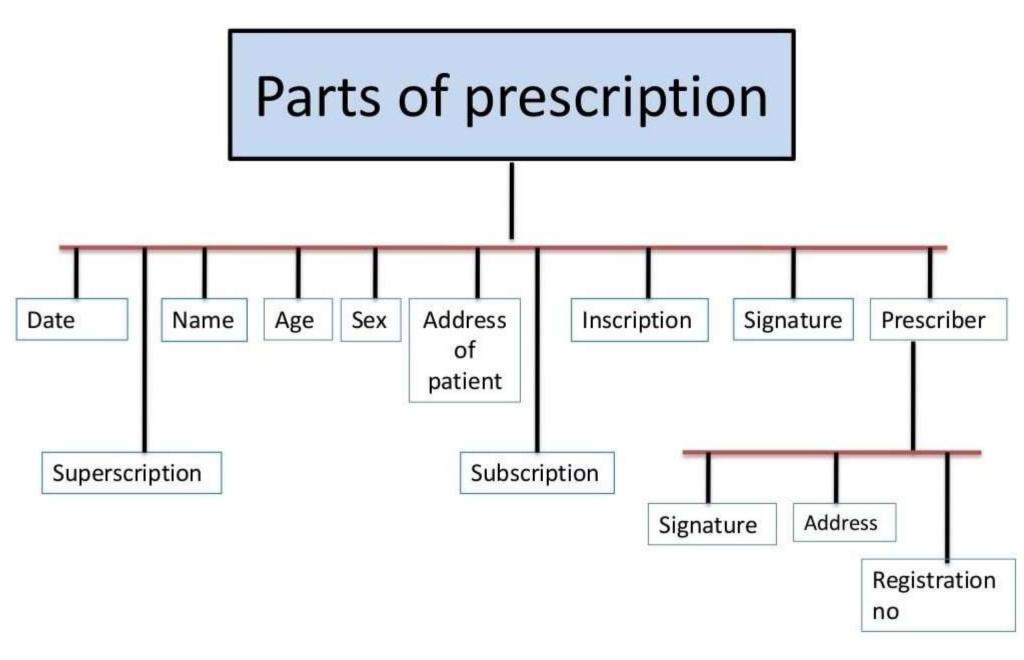
Definition



The word "**prescription**" is derived from the Latin term **praescriptus** which made up of two Latin words *prae* a prefix meaning *'before*' and **scribere** meaning *'to write'*

- Prescription is an order written by a physician, dentist or any other medical practitioner to the pharmacist to compound & dispense a specific medication for individual patient.
- Prescription is accompanied by direction for pharmacist and for patient.





Date :

- Written on the prescription by prescriber.
- To know when the medicines were last dispensed.
- To prevent the misuse of the drug by the patients.
- The prescription which prescribe narcotic or other habit forming drug, must bear the date, so as to avoid the misuse of prescription if it is presented by the patient, a number of times for dispensing.



Name, Age, Sex & Address of the patient:

- It helps to identify the prescription. Especially in case of children, Age & sex of the patient helps the pharmacist to check the prescriber dose of medication.
- In case, if any of this information is missing in the prescription, the same may be included by the pharmacist after proper enquiry from the patient.

Superscription:

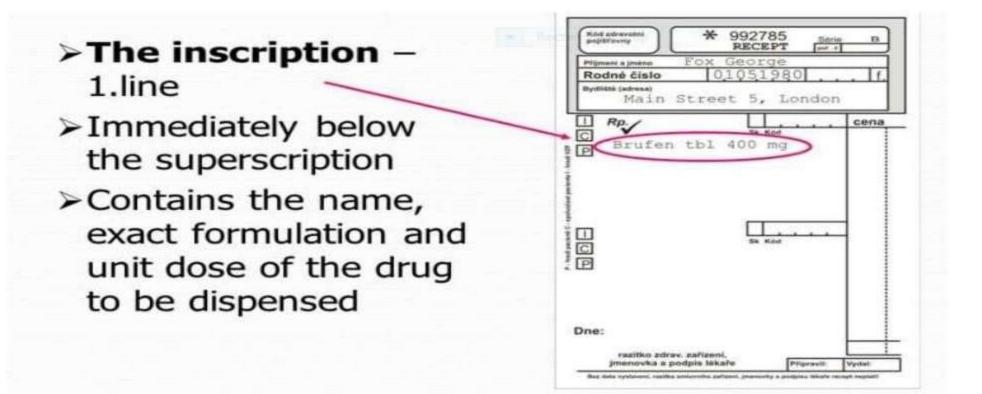
It is represented by symbol Rx.

- Rx is the abbreviation of Latin word recipe, meaning **'take thou'** or **'You Take'**.
- In older days, the symbol was considered to be originated from the sign of Jupiter, god of healing.
- This symbol was employed by the ancient in requesting god for the quick recovery of the patient.





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➤ Nowadays, the majority of the drugs are prescribed which are already in a suitable formulation.

The pharmacist is required to dispense the readymade from of drugs. So, compounding of prescription is almost eliminated.

Subscription:

This part contains the prescriber's directions to the pharmacist . It includes

- Type dosage form to be prepared
- No of doses to be dispensed

<u>Signatura:</u>

- It is usually written as 'Sig' on the prescription.
- It consist of the direction to be given to the patient regarding the administration of the drug.
- Usually the quantity of medicament or number or dosage unit to be taken, how many times in a day or at what time it should be taken.
- Instruction must be written on the label of container.

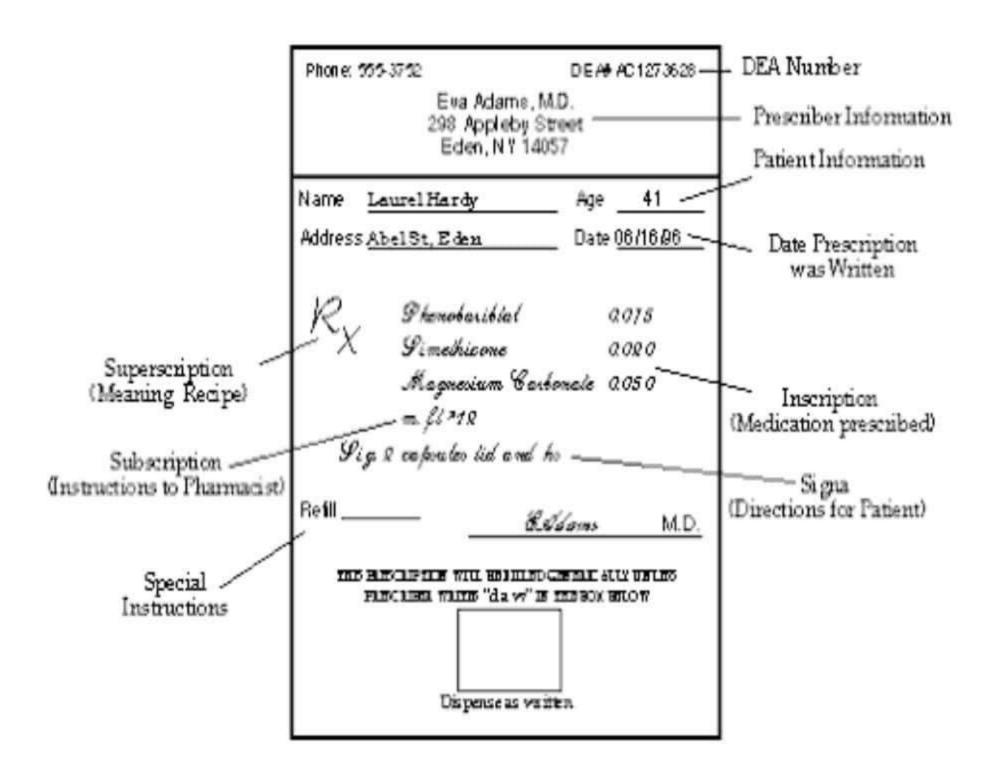
Renewal instruction :

- the prescriber indicate on every prescription order, whether it may be renewed and if so, how many times.
- It is very important particularly in the prescription containing the narcotic and habit forming drugs to prevent its misuse.

Signature, address & registration number of the prescriber :

Information about physician is essential so that the doctor could be contacted in emergency.

- Prescription must be signed with Prescriber's own hand.
- Address and Registration No should be written in case of narcotic or other habit forming drugs to prevent its misuse.



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Handling of Prescription



Receiving

 The prescription should be received by pharmacist himself/ herself.

It includes

- Reading the prescription
- Checking the prescription
- While receiving a prescription, a pharmacist should not change his facial expression which gives an impression to the patient that he is surprised or confused after seeing the prescription.



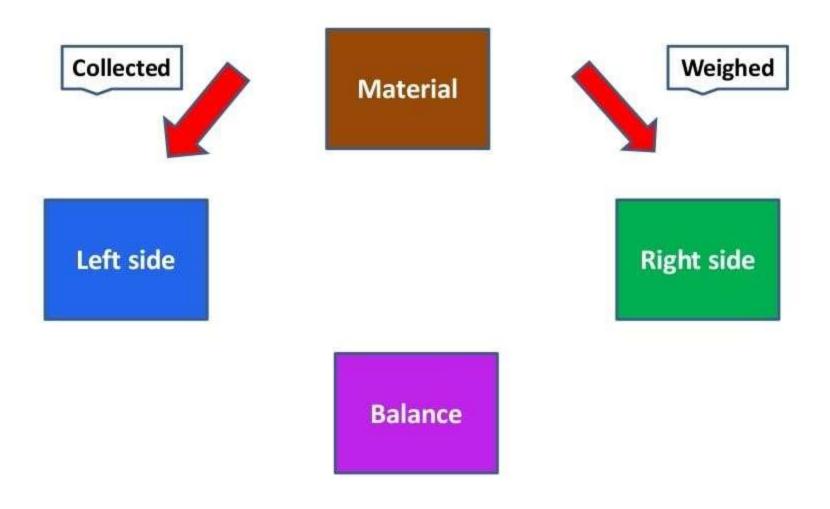
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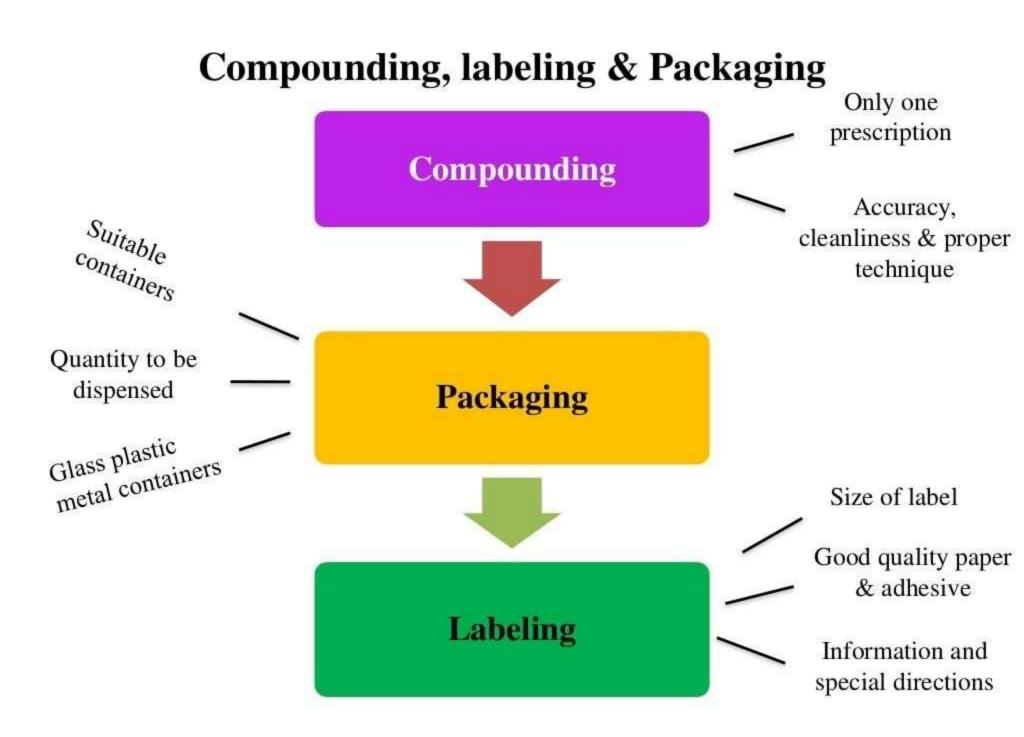
- Prescription should be completely and carefully read from top to bottom.
- Nature of dosage form and time required for preparing.
- If long time is needed for compounding must tell the patient to wait.
- Careful examination of the prescription should be made only behind the counter.
- Any doubt or direction or any error in writing, patient should not come to know about it and should consult the other pharmacist or prescriber.
- Every word and abbreviation must be interpreted correctly.
- Never guess about the meaning of illegible or confusing word.
- Prescription should be checked for any incompatibility.





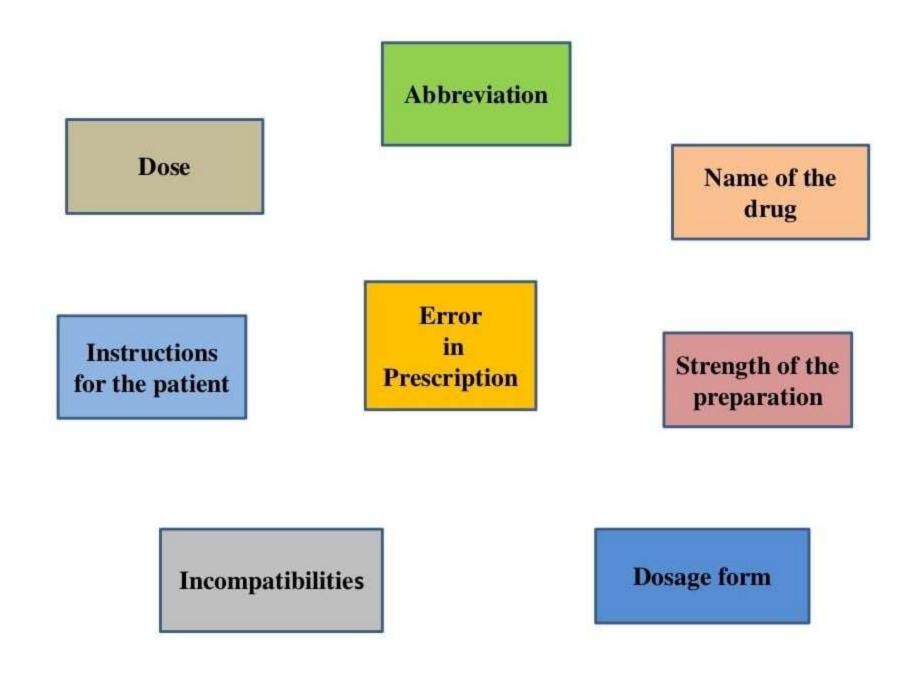
Collecting & Weighing the material





Common Latin Rx Terms:

- Some of the common Latin prescription abbreviations include:
- ac (ante cibum) means "before meals"
- bid (bis in die) means "twice a day"
- gt (gutta) means "drop"
- hs (hora somni) means "at bedtime"
- od (oculus dexter) means "right eye"
- os (oculus sinister) means "left eye"
- po (per os) means "by mouth"
- pc (post cibum) means "after meals"
- prn (pro re nata) means "as needed"
- q 3 h (quaque 3 hora) means "every 3 hours"
- qd (quaque die) means "every day"
- qid (quater in die) means "4 times a day"
- Sig (signa) means "write"
- tid (ter in die) means "3 times a day"



Abbreviation

- Abbreviation presents a problem in understanding parts of the prescription order.
- Extreme care should be taken by a pharmacist in interpreting the Abbreviation. Pharmacists should not guess at the meaning of an ambiguous Abbreviation.

Name of the drug

 There are certain drugs whose name look or sound like those of other drugs. Some of the example of such drugs is as under: - Digitoxin and Digoxin

Strength of the preparation

 The strength of the preparation should be stated by the prescriber. It is essential when various strengths of a product are available in market

Dosage form of drug prescribed

Many medicines are available in more than one dosage form like as liquid, tablet, capsule, etc.

Dosage Form of the product should be written.

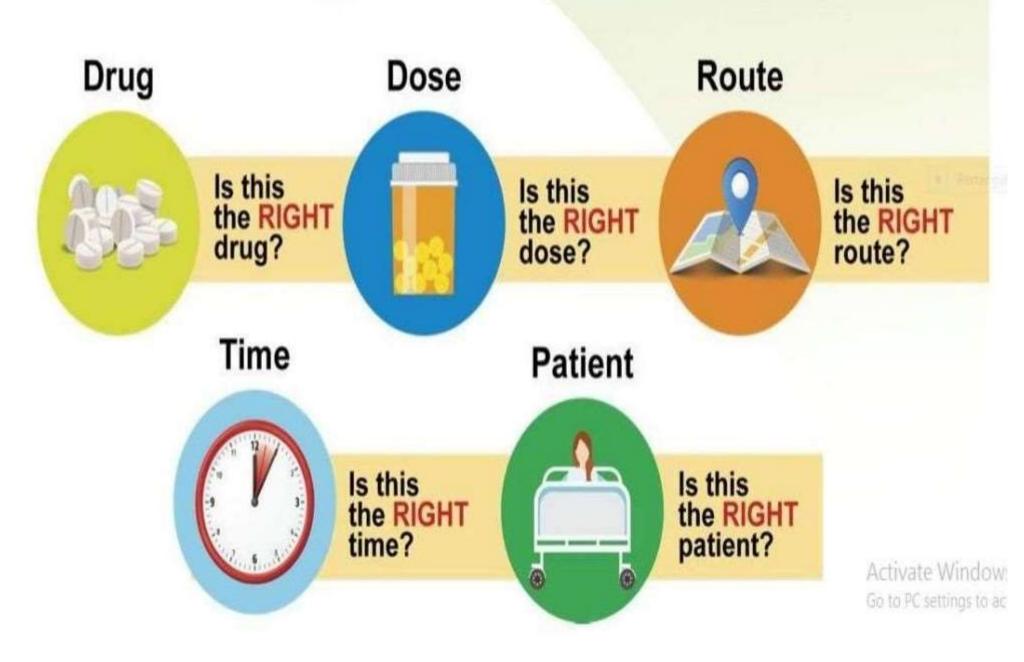
Dose

Unusually high or low doses should be discussed with the prescriber.

Pediatric dosage may present. So pharmacist should consult pediatric posology to avoid an error.

Sometime a reasonable dose is administered too frequently

"The Five Rights"



Instructions for the patient

The instructions for the patient which are given in the prescription are incomplete or omitted. The quantity of the drug to be taken, the frequent and timing of administration and route of administration should be clearly given in the prescription so as to avoid any confusion.

Incompatibilities

It is essential to check that there are no pharmaceutical or therapeutic incompatibilities in a prescribed preparation and that different medicines prescribed for the same patient do not interact with each other to produce any harm to patient. Certain antibiotics should not be given with meals since it significantly decrease the absorption of the drug.



