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## PRESCRIPTION

A prescription is an order for medicine which a doctor writes, and which is given to a pharmacist to prepare and administer the medicine.

### Parts of a prescription

- Date,
- Name, age, sex & address of the patient,
- Superscription,
- Inscription,
- Subscription,
- Signature (Sig),
- Signature, address & Registration number of prescriber,

### Superscription

- This is the Rx symbol on the prescription form that designates the written document to be a prescription.
- Rx is an abbreviation for a Latin phrase that means "take thou."

### Inscription

- It includes the drug name, concentration and type of preparation.
- Drug names should not be abbreviated and correct spelling is important to assure that the correct medication is dispensed.

### Subscription

- It is the instruction to the pharmacist, usually consisting of a short sentence such as: "dispense 30 tablets."

### Signa or "Sig"

- It is the instruction for the patient as to how to take the **prescription**, interpreted and transposed onto the **prescription** label by the pharmacist.

### Role of pharmacist in prescription

- Ensuring that the good quality of medicines supplied to patients.
- Ensuring that the medicines prescribed to patients are suitable.
- Advising patients about medicines, including how to take them, what reactions may occur. Answering patients' questions.

### General errors in prescription

Any step in the prescribing process can generate errors. Slips, lapses, or mistakes are sources of errors. The errors may be,

- Unintended omissions in the transcription of drugs,
- Faults in dose selection,
- omitted transcription,
- Poor handwriting.

## A MODEL PRESCRIPTION

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Name: James Wilson 53 Iris Blvd.

Rx: *Aspirin 3.6 g*  
*Codeine sulfate 0.4 g*  
*Mix and make 12 capsules.*

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Dispense as written

*Dr. Donna Johns*  
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May substitute