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prescription**

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prescription de pièces de décoction*

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Introduction

The prescription requirements of Chinese medicines are a crucial component of the service process of Chinese medicines. This encompasses the whole process, starting from the doctor's medical treatment guided by the traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) theory of syndrome differentiation and treatment, leading to the writing of the patient prescription. Unfortunately, this aspect has not received adequate attention, significantly affecting the quality of medical care and services, as well as the safety and effectiveness of TCM medication, and the vital rights of consumers.

Therefore, it is vital to standardize and establish a traceable medication service process for Chinese medicines. This will promote effective communication among doctors, pharmacists and patients, improving relationships between doctors and patients, enhancing levels of medical service, reducing medical errors and accidents, ensuring the safety and effectiveness of people's medication, safeguarding the legitimate rights and interests of consumers, and making contributions to human health.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the general requirements, content and writing requirements for the prescription of decoction pieces. It notably regulates the qualification of prescription writing, the prescription of precious medicines, the prescription of toxic and anaesthetic medicines, and institution-based prescriptions.

This document applies to prescription writing, dispensing and storage.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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prescription of decoction pieces

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Note 1 to entry: The prescription of decoction pieces includes details such as the names, quantities, preparation methods and other specifications of traditional Chinese medicinal herbs and formulations. It is subject to review, dispensation and verification by a prescription-reviewing pharmacist (see Note 4 to entry), and it also serves as a voucher for the distribution of medicinal products.

Note 2 to entry: The prescription of decoction pieces is a written notice from doctors to traditional Chinese medicine dispensing personnel (see Note 5 to entry) that represents both the basis of traditional Chinese medicine dispensing, and the voucher of valuation and statistics, which has legal, technical and economic significance.

Note 3 to entry: The prescription of decoction pieces provides a written record and evidence of doctors' syndrome differentiation and treatment, reflecting the doctors' syndrome differentiation and drug use requirements.

Note 4 to entry: The "prescription-reviewing pharmacist" refers to a professional in the herbal pharmacy responsible for reviewing doctors' prescriptions.

Note 5 to entry: "Traditional Chinese medicine dispensing personnel" refers to a professional in the dispensing room responsible for the preparation, dispensing and management of prescriptions.