Prescription writing

Prescription is a written order by a physician to a pharmacist or nursing staff or patient containing instructions regarding the name of drug, dosages, preparation and dispensing and also instruction to patients regarding its intake.

**Prescription is a medicolegal document.**

**PARTS OF PRESCRIPTION**

A prescription has various parts, some of them “mandatory “(as per Drugs and Cosmetic Act and Rules or the Medical council of India) & some of them are not mandatory, important for better understanding of the prescription by the pharmacist and the patient.

1. **Superscription** :- It contains details of the doctor such as:

* Name
* Degree for his specialization
* Registration no.
* Address of the clinic
* Date for record keeping
* Phone no carries legal importance

Details of patient:- Name, Age, Sex, Weight, Address of the patient, phone number.

**℞ ---> Recipe symbol of prayer to God Jupiter**.

It is written as **℞** and it means you (as patient) take this medicament.

1. **Inscription** :- it contains :-

* Formulation of drug : eg tablet,capsule,injection etc.
* Name of drug :preferably generic name in capital letters,brand/company name should be written in bracket
* Dose of the drug
* Route of administration

1. **Subscription**: It contains instructions to the pharmacist. E.g. dispense 10 such tablets.
2. **Signa/ Transcription**: It is the direction given to the patient or the nursing staff about the route, frequency, total duration and specific instruction of drug administration.
3. **Non pharmacological advice**- eg: lifestyle modifications.
4. **Follow up**-regarding his next visit to doctor
5. **Signature of doctor**- it carries medico legal importance

Some important points:

* Short forms (e.g. tab, inj etc) and abbreviations (e.g. OD,BD,HS etc) should not be used.
* Overwriting of prescription should be avoided.

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Inscription

Superscription

**Diagnosis – Acute pharyngitis**

**Aim – to treat infection and symptomatic management**

Dr .Abc

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Date -18/05/2017

Mr. Xyz

36 yrs/male

Weight – 60 kg

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**℞**

Capsule AMOXICILLIN 500 mg , per oral

Tablet PARACETAMOL 500 mg per oral

**Non pharmacological advice**

do gargles with lukewarm water, avoid spicy, oily food, cold items

Follow up after 5 days

Signature of Doctor

**Instruction to the patient (Transcription)**

AMOXICILLIN – take 1 capsule after food two times a day for 5 days

PARACETAMOL –take 1 tablet three times for 2 days and further 1 tablet as and when required.

**Instruction to the pharmacist (Subscription)**  
AMOXICILLIN – dispense such 10 capsules

PARACETAMOL – dispense such 10 tablets