

## 看清藥袋標示與藥物標示 Labeling of the Medicine Bag and Medicines

When customer service departments of medication institution deliver medicine to patients, they should include the name, gender, name of medicine, dosage, quantity, usage, effects or indications, warnings and side effects, the name and location of the medical institution, the name of the pharmacist, and the date when prescription was made up (by day, month, and year)

## Read clearly the labeling of Medicine Bag and Medicines

- 1.Clear medicine bag labeling can help patients use medicine correctly, understand their effects, and reduce the damages from side effect. When visiting different doctors for treatment, can help doctors prescribe the correct medicines.
- 2. Verifying the name of the medicine, the amount per unit, the dosage, the way to use it, and amount to take on the medicine bag and to verify if the name of the medicine and quantity is the same as that inside the bag.
- 3. After taking out the medicine from the original medicine back, one should put them back to the same bag. Be careful that when taking out many different types of medicine for checking of possibility of putting the medicine back into the wrong medicine bags leading to consuming the wrong medicine.
- 4.If the medicine prescribed is different from the previous ones, it is possible that the doctor changed the prescription or uses the medicine from different companies. However, it may be a wrong prescription; so should ask the pharmacist first and be clear that it is correct before taking the medicine.
- 5. Knowing why to take the medicine: for the medicine name, usage, content, and quantity. If the quantity is incorrect, taking the medicine may be ineffective or over dosage may occur.
- 6.Do you know how to take the medicine? The quantity (the number of pills each time), the frequency (how long before taking it), when to take it, how long the treatment period is, and the method of taking the medicine.
- 7.Do not use the external appearance to determine how to take the medicine: tablet or capsule may not necessarily be orally taken, and liquid inside bottles may be taken as eye drops, injection, or oral dosages. You must read the instructions clearly before taking.
- 8.Do you know the expected reaction, therapeutic effect, side effects, and things to pay attention to after taking the medicine?