

善用慢性病連續處方箋

Makine good use of continuous prescription of chronic disease

What is continuous prescription for chronic diseases?

For a patient with chronic disease who needs to take same drugs continuously over 6 months, doctor will provide continuous prescription for their long-term use.

How long is the continuous prescription valid?

This type of prescription should be valid for 3 months from the day doctor's prescription. The prescription may be dispensed in 2 to 3 times.

Who is eligible for using continuous prescription?

For chronic disease patients who fit into the list of diseases announced by Department of Health, such as hypertension, high blood sugar, and hyperlipidemia, etc. When patients' condition becomes stable, physician may file a continuous prescription based on several factors as: types of drugs for treatment under evaluation, dosage and if patient is with good compliance, etc.

Where to receive the drugs?

Within 10 days prior to finish the previous medication, chronic patients can only collect their prescribed medicines at their original contracted hospitals, clinics or the nearby National Health Insurance (NHI) appointed pharmacies along with their chronic illness prescription refill slips and NHI cards.

How to handle when sickness feeling occurred during the medication period?

During medication period, when no effectiveness found or any unusual conditions or side-effects happened, advise doctor immediately. Patient should take the prescriptions and return to the hospital where the prescription was received for doctor's further consultation.

Any benefits for continuous prescriptions?

In accordance with the continuous prescriptions, chronic disease patient may get his medicine easily from a health insurance contracted pharmacy or the hospital where prescription received or



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clinic, which would save patient's cost in registration at hospital or clinic, as well the time consuming in traffic.