

介護者のための医薬品情報集の作成 (その3) 家族のための大衆薬情報集 -

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Preparing a database of medication advice for health care assistants (Part 3) - OTC drug information for family -

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Abstract :

Over-the-counter (OTC) drugs for family self-medication have become increasingly important in recent years. Consequently, pharmacists' responsibility towards the general public in community pharmacies has increased too. We collected information on 204 OTC drugs and rewrote the information in a form more suitable for both pharmacists and the general public. This rewriting process was performed by our students as part of their practical education, and their educators edited the prepared documents. Seventy-six OTC medicines showed drug vs. drug interaction with ethical drugs. Therefore, it is important for pharmacists to give proper guidance concerning these drugs. We conclude that it is necessary to collect health care information from the general public for not only ethical drugs, but also OTC drugs. Further, in addition to their role in providing ethical drugs, pharmacists should assist the general public in the selection of OTC drugs and by offering advice about these drugs.

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