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## OVER-THE-COUNTER VS PRESCRIPTIVE MEDICINES

OVER-THE-COUNTER	PRESCRIPTIVE	EXAMPLES
<p>You can buy them without a prescription.</p> <p>They're generalized drugs used to treat minor pains or aches.</p> <p>They can be handed out to a friend or family with the same illness.</p> <p>The pharmacist can explain you the doses and for how long you should take them.</p> <p>Treat a condition that doesn't require the direct supervision of a doctor.</p> <p>Are formulated to have a safe and effective strength.</p> <p>This kind of medication is priced competitively, so they're cheaper.</p> <p>Almost never the FDA changes an over-the-counter drug to prescriptive.</p>	<p>You'll always need a prescription to buy them.</p> <p>They're specific drugs for mayor illnesses or conditions.</p> <p>It's intended for a specific patient and can't be legally shared with anyone.</p> <p>The doctor specifies you for how long you have to take the medicine.</p> <p>They generally treat more severe conditions that require the supervision of a doctor.</p> <p>Are formulated to a therapeutic strength and the physician can provide an aggressive treatment.</p> <p>This one is priced according to the drug's company's discretion, so they can be more expensive.</p> <p>If the FDA approve they're safe they can be changed to over-the-counter.</p>	<p>If you have an infected toe nail you can buy some Fucidin; if the days pass and its worse you can go to a doctor and he'll prescribe you some oral Amoxicilin.</p> <p>If you have a headache you can buy some Tylenol at the pharmacy; if the pain continues you'll probably have a migraine and the doctor will prescribe you Propanolol.</p> <p>If you have a muscular pain you can buy some acetaminophen at the pharmacy; if the pain doesn't go away you'll go the doctor and he'll prescribe you Atercod, a combination between acetaminophen and codeine.</p>

May be taken with other OTC medications.

Can be bought at a store, not only at a pharmacy.

\* They have legal enforcement

\* Covered by insurance plans

\* Only bought at a pharmacy