

## Pharmaceutics - Prescription Notes

### Easy Language - For Understanding (Long Answer Format)

#### Definition:

A prescription is a legal written document issued by a registered medical practitioner to a pharmacist, instructing the preparation and dispensing of a specific drug or treatment for a patient.

#### Group-wise Parts of a Prescription:

##### 1. Date:

- The date of writing the prescription.
- Important for legal and medical records.

##### 2. Patient Information:

- Includes name, age, sex, and address.
- Ensures the medicine is for the correct person.

##### 3. Superscription ("Rx"):

- The symbol Rx stands for the Latin word Recipe, meaning "Take thou."
- It marks the beginning of the prescription.

##### 4. Inscription:

- This part includes the name of drug, dose, strength, dosage form, and quantity.
- Example: Tab. Paracetamol 500 mg, Quantity: 10 tablets.

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### 5. Subscription:

- Directions to the pharmacist regarding the preparation and dispensing.
- Example: "Mix and make 10 capsules."

### 6. Signa (Signature):

- Instructions to the patient on how, when, and how much medicine to take.
- Example: Take 1 tablet twice daily after food.

### 7. Prescriber's Signature and Registration:

- Includes the doctor's signature, name, and registration number.
- Validates the prescription legally.

### Common Latin Terms Used:

Latin	Meaning	Use	
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Rx	Take thou	Start of prescription	
q.d.	Every day	Dosage frequency	
b.i.d.	Twice a day	Dosage	
t.i.d.	Three times a day	Dosage	
p.c.	After food	Timing	
a.c.	Before food	Timing	
h.s.	At bedtime	Timing	

### Importance of Prescription:

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- Ensures correct dosage and drug use.
- Prevents self-medication and misuse.
- Legally binds pharmacist and prescriber.
- Protects patient safety.

### **Quick Memorization Format**

Prescription = Legal order from doctor to pharmacist.

Parts:

1. Date
2. Patient Info
3. Rx = Take thou
4. Inscription = Drug + Dose
5. Subscription = Direction to Pharmacist
6. Signa = Direction to Patient
7. Doctor's Signature + Reg. No

Latin Words:

- Rx = Take
- b.i.d = 2x/day
- t.i.d = 3x/day
- a.c = Before meal
- p.c = After meal

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- h.s = At bedtime
- stat = Immediately