

ABSTRACT

MEDICAL PRESCRIPTIONS IN CYPRUS

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Aim of diploma thesis is to get:

- current knowledge about medical prescriptions (MP) in Cyprus and rules of their use
- their basic division according their kinds, formal look, practical handle, payment
- knowledge of the current Health system of Cyprus

Results:

The Health system of Cyprus is a unique arrangement in the EU since is a simultaneous participation of public and the private sector which has many phenomena of inequality and non-accessibility mainly from the economically weaker. In the future plans of Ministry of Health is the complete redesign of entire Health System in a direction of electronic services for all the parts of health system chain including doctors, pharmacists and insured patients.

The basic and significant informations about medical prescriptions in Cyprus according aim of diploma thesis are demonstrated in the Summary Table at chapter 11.

All prescriptions in Cyprus are in common form for all type of drugs and there is no rule for size and color of the paper. Pharmacist is checking the signature of the doctor as well as name of the patient and date. These three are the essential factors that are making the prescription valid. Patients must pay all medicines directly to pharmacist and then the coverage system is returning a part or whole prices of medicines.

Conclusion:

In future, prescriptions in Cyprus will be electronic and containing active substances and not empirical names of the drugs so the pharmacist will be responsible of providing the best available drug.