

Pharmacy



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Pharmacy is the science and technique of preparing and dispensing drugs.

Pharmacy links health sciences with chemical sciences and aims to ensure the safe and effective use of pharmaceutical drugs.



An establishment in which pharmacy is practiced is called a pharmacy (this term is more common in the United States) or a chemist's (which is more common in Great Britain).

In the United States and Canada, drugstores commonly sell drugs, as well as confectionery, cosmetics, office supplies, and magazines and occasionally refreshments and groceries.



Professionals

Pharmacists are healthcare professionals who perform various roles to ensure optimal health outcomes for their patients through the quality use of medicines.



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Pharmacy technicians support the work of pharmacists and other health professionals by performing a variety of pharmacy related functions, including dispensing prescription drugs and other medical devices to patients and instructing on their use. They may also perform administrative duties in pharmaceutical practice.



Types of pharmacy practice areas

- Community pharmacy
- Hospital pharmacy
- Clinical pharmacy
- Ambulatory care pharmacy
- Consultant pharmacy
- Internet pharmacy
- Veterinary pharmacy etc.



Pharmacy departments

There are usually two departments in a chemist's : a prescription department and a chemist's department. At the prescription department medicines are sold or made up according to prescriptions. At the chemist's department one can buy medicines without prescriptions.



At the pharmacy

At the pharmacy all medicines are kept in drug cabinets, on the open shelves and in the refrigerator.



Every small bottle, a tube or a box has a label with the name of the medicine.

At the pharmacy

There are labels of four colours:
green labels indicate medicines for
internal use; blue labels indicate
drugs for injections, labels of a
yellow colour indicate drugs for
external application and labels of a
pink colour indicate drugs for the
treatment of eye diseases.



