



A Questionnaire Survey for Prevalence of Medication Use in Dehradun District of Uttarakhand, India

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ABSTRACT

A questionnaire survey was conducted among 200 medical store (drug-retailer working in authorized drug stores) for investigating the prevalence of use of medication in Dehradun district of Uttarakhand. Study revealed that, 32.6% patients could show the prescription from a qualified doctor or a dentist. Less than ten percent prescriptions came from dentists. Ninety-two (57.14%) drug retailers answered that a number of patient insisted them to advice on medications for their diseased conditions. Ayurvedic physicians were prescribing allopathic drugs, as reported by ninety-eight (60.8%) drug retailers. Qualified physicians were prescribing herbal drugs, as reported by fourteen (8.6%) drug retailers. Antibiotics were the highest sold 62% followed by tonics 26%.

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