

Explanation of the Handling of Prescriptions Outside of the Hospital /院外処方せんの説明

There are two types of prescriptions in Japan: one is an out-of-hospital prescription for a community pharmacy and the other is an in-hospital prescription for the pharmacy inside the hospital.

Generally, prescriptions are issued as out-of-hospital prescriptions except for in special cases.

/処方せんには院外処方せんと院内処方せんがあります。

特別な場合を除き、薬は院外処方せんで処方されます。

Out-of-Hospital prescriptions/院外処方せん

Take your prescription to a community pharmacy to get the prescription filled and receive the prescription drug after you make a payment.

The prescription is valid only for four days, which includes the issuing date. You can get your prescription drug whenever and wherever you need in Japan as long as the prescription is valid. (You can't get your prescription drug after the validated date.)

A representative can drop off a prescription and pick up a prescription drug for the patient. Please keep your receipts for your records. The cost of medications can be claimed as tax deductions for medical expenses.

/院外処方せんは市中の薬局に持っていき、代金を支払って処方薬を受け取ります。

処方せんの交付日を含めて4日以内なら、日本のどこの薬局でも処方薬を受けることができます（処方交付日を含めて4日を過ぎるとその処方せんでは調剤を受けられません）。

代理の人が処方せんを持って行っても処方を受けることができます。

薬局で支払った分も医療費控除の対象になりますので、領収書は大切に保管しておいてください。

In-hospital prescriptions/院内処方せん

In-hospital prescriptions must be filled from the pharmacy department of the same hospital.

/院内処方せんは、処方した病院内の薬局で薬を受け取ります。