OTC 医薬品における添付文書情報の実態調査 一かぜ薬および解熱鎮痛薬について一

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Survey of the over-the-counter drug package inserts for cold medicine and analgesic antipyretic drug.

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Summary

Objective: In this study, we surveyed the descriptions on the information content of over-the-counter (OTC) drug package inserts for cold medicine and analgesic antipyretic drug.

Methods: We investigated the description format of OTC package inserts, components of drugs, the presence or absence of described contraindication information and contents of description.

Results: OTC package inserts for cold medicine and analgesic antipyretic drug (593 and 216 respectively) were surveyed. The package inserts of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) were carefully evaluated. On most package inserts of NSAIDs, contraindication information of acetylsalicylic acid was not written.

Conclusion: Since there are many OTC drugs containing NSAIDs showing no warning indication, it is necessary to describe appropriate and clea information on OTC package inserts.

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