

## S07-4 **Contribution of the pharmacists to self-care and primary care with nonprescription medications**

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Peoples have been much concerned in their healthy life. Recently, many kinds of dietary supplements and foods for specified health uses are distributed and consumed in large quantities. Concurrently, medical case insurance in Japan has been accommodating a lot of patients increasingly year by year, where the importance and enlightenment of self-care and primary care of peoples with nonprescription medications is proposed.

The Pharmacists Law defines the responsibility of the pharmacists for the public health and welfare with medication and hygienic affairs. The recent pharmacy education in Japan is likely to orient pharmaceutical care practice for contribution to the treatment of patients by appropriate management of medication. The multidisciplinary knowledge on medicines and diseases, and the patient consultation technique are required in the pharmacy education for 6 years. The contribution and accountability of the community pharmacists to self-care and primary care with nonprescription medications, as social needs, is expected.

In this symposium, the traditional pharmacy education and the inadequate accountability concerning to nonprescription medications is mentioned, and social responsibility on the treatment of nonprescription medications and their information by the community pharmacists in future will be discussed.