

Patients do the Funniest Things!

Honestly they're all real examples!

Taken from the Medicines Management Collaborative

Night time medicines

A lady put her tablets on her bedside locker to take in the night.

She took them.

But in the morning the tablets were still there!

She'd "taken" her earrings!!

She was very disappointed, they were her favourites.

Inhaler Technique I

A man was asked to demonstrate his inhaler technique.

He pointed the inhaler at his chest and sprayed.....

Painful

A non-English speaking patient complained that inserting her suppositories was painful.

She wasn't removing the foil from the suppository before inserting it.

Nobody had explained and she couldn't read the instructions.

Inhaler Technique II

The asthmatic, her inhalers and her cat.

The patient sprayed her cat when she got wheezy because she was told "the cat was to blame for my asthma".

Synchronising medicines

A practice tried to synchronise an elderly ladies medicines.

She didn't want to order everything at once.

Because she didn't want the doctor to know what she was taking!

Inhaler Technique III

An elderly man complained that his inhaler was not relieving his wheeziness.

He was asked to demonstrate his technique.

He asked for a tablespoon.

He shook his inhaler, sprayed two doses onto the spoon then licked it off!

Free Medicines

A patient took his prescription which contained three items to his local Pharmacy.

He said he only wanted one of the items to be dispensed.

The Pharmacist asked him why he didn't want the other two items.

He said not to worry he got those two free
- from his nephew.

Inhaler Technique IV

A patient had been using excessive Salbutamol inhaler quantities

When asked to demonstrate his technique.

He stood up, sprayed the inhaler around the room, just like an air freshener, and sat down again

Emergency Betnovate!

A lady went to a community pharmacy to ask for an emergency supply of Betnovate cream.

She'd gone on holiday.....

but didn't take it with her because the label said "apply locally".

Ear drops (or are they)!!

A patient complained to the Pharmacist that the bottle of eardrops he was using wasn't big enough. It was only lasting 3 days.

He also said they were difficult to use.

The pharmacist suggested he ask someone to help him.

The patient was disgusted at this suggestion.

The label was checked.

It said "instil 2 drops into R.ear"

Yes, the patient had been using them rectally!

Say no more

Testosterone patches are available for men with pituitary failure (similar to HRT patches)

Many patients (men of course) have been confused about where to put them

You should be ahead of me by now ...

Yes, they put them on their testicles!

End of show