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**CLINICAL SERVICES LETTER NO. 74  
TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS**

Dear Doctor,

**IS ONE OF THESE YOURS?**

	<i>This was prescribed</i>	<i>This was dispensed</i>
<i>Phenylbutazone 200 mg mitte 12</i>	Phenylbutazone 200 mg ..... mitte 12 .....	Phenobarbitone $\frac{1}{2}$ gr ..... 90
<i>Butobarbitone 30 mg Codeine phos. 10 mg Phenacetin 200 mg</i>	Butobarbitone 30 mg ..... Codeine phos. 10 mg ..... Phenacetin 200 mg .....	Paracetamol 300 mg ..... Codeine phosphate 10 mg ..... Phenacetin 200 mg .....
<i>Ethnine linctus 3 fl oz</i>	Ethnine linctus ..... }	Syrup Elkosin
<i>Neo-Na Clex 5 mg</i>	Neo-Na Clex 5 mg ..... }	Madribon 0.5G
<i>Prostigmin 15 mg</i>	Prostigmin 15 mg ..... }	Probanthine 15 mg

This was prescribed

This was dispensed

Rx H. aureus, can. 3.0  
3.0  
app. 1.0

Ung. Aureomycin 3 percent      Hydrocortisone 3 percent

Rx Lederkyn  
75 mg / 2  
L 3.0 9.1.1  
Approved 1.1.1

Ledermycin 75 mg per fl. dr.      Syrup Lederkyn M288  
Syrup ad 2 fl. oz.

Dr. Calipen.  
3.0 5.1.1 0.0

Syrup Calciper      .....      Syr. Vallergan

Rx Ciccolam  
3.0 1.1.1  
app. 1.1.1

Siccolam Ung.      .....      Graneodin ointment

Tab Eastonii  
1.1.1

Tab Eastonii      .....      Gantrisin tablets

Dr. Cortucid  
3.0  
app. 1.1.1  
N. 1.1.1

Oc. Cortucid      .....      Albucid eye ointment 6 per-  
cent

*This was prescribed*

*This was dispensed*

*helo Eusol  
in room  
and when*

Lotio Eusol

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Eurax lotion

*Vonken jelly  
or. Bm*

Varidase jelly

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Vaseline 1 oz.

### WRONG MEDICINE SUPPLIED: WHOSE FAULT?

The above examples of illegibly written prescriptions speak for themselves. Too great stress cannot be laid on the care that should always be taken when inserting the details—the name of the drug, the strength and dosage, the quantity to be dispensed, and the patient's name (including whether Mr, Mrs, or Miss. It is good practice to give the age of a young child).

Yours faithfully,

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