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Taking the “Yuck” Out of Your Medicine.

Have you ever tasted your child’s liquid medicine before your child took it? If you did, you could understand why they want to spit it out! Many liquid medicines—for both children and adults—can have an awful, bitter taste. Now, however, there is a way to add FDA Approved flavorings to certain liquid medicines, to greatly improve the taste.

Flavorx was pioneered by a father whose child became severely ill and re-

quired much medicine. His father, a pharmacist, and he worked in their family pharmacy and began experimenting with different flavors to help improve the taste of his child’s medicine. They successfully created a banana flavor that worked with her medicine and through improved compliance, his child’s health improved greatly.

Flavorx not only takes the “Yuck” out of medicine, but through improved compliance, you

can achieve a better health outcome for your loved one. Ask our pharmacists for more information about Flavorx and pick your child’s favorite flavor on their next “yucky” tasting prescription.



E-Prescribing Technology Comes to Bellevue Drug

Bellevue Drug is pleased to announce that e-prescribing technology is here.

With new advances in computer technology, many physicians have the capability of writing your prescription and sending it to your pharmacy in a matter of seconds—even before you leave your doctor’s office our pharmacy may already have received

your physician’s order, and filled your prescription to have ready and waiting for you to pickup on your way home.

This technology is widely supported by most insurers, hospitals and practitioners, as a means to greater patient safety and reduction in the possibility of transcribing errors. Bellevue Drug is committed to the health and safety of our customers,

and this additional feature to our prescription processing system is another effective tool to assist our pharmacists and staff to deliver excellent service to you.

If you have any questions or concerns about e-prescribing, please ask our pharmacists. We are happy to assist you.

Bellevue Drug accepts 99.9% of prescription insurance plans. Many plans have changed names over the years, but not our networking capability. Even if your card has a “chain” pharmacy name printed on it, you should not be limited to that pharmacy. Present your prescription card to our staff, and we will confirm our network inclusion in your plan.

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Helpful Hints for Faster Service

- Please present your Prescription Insurance Card each time you get a prescription filled.
- If you have had any change in your health, i.e. allergy to medication, please advise our staff.
- **Going on vacation?** Check your medication supplies and call in your refills a few days before your departure.
- **Rx Refills:** Press "6" when prompted to be forwarded to our Refill Mailbox. Press "2" to speak with our staff.
- **For Physicians:** Press "1" when prompted to be transferred to the Pharmacists Voice Mail or Press "2" to speak with a Pharmacist.

Prescription Directions and the Importance of Understanding Your Medicine

Taking your medications properly is one of the best ways to avoid unnecessary healthcare costs in the future. Each year, thousands of people end up in the hospital, fail to get better, and increase their costs, simply because they do not take their medication as directed.

Pharmacists can educate you about your medications—both prescription and non-prescription. The American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists, says that every person should be able to answer these questions before taking any new medication:

1. What is the name of the medication and what is it supposed to do?
2. When and how do I take it?
3. How long should I take it?
4. Does this medication contain anything that can cause an allergic reaction?
5. Should I avoid alcohol, any other medicines, foods, and/or activities?
6. Should I expect any side effects?
7. What if I forget to take my medication?
8. Is it safe to become pregnant or to breastfeed while taking this medication?
9. Is there a generic version of the medication that my doctor has prescribed?
10. How should I store my medication?

Our pharmacists can answer these and other questions you may have regarding your medication therapy.

Important Information:

Each time you drop off a prescription to be filled our staff will ask you if you have any questions for the pharmacist. This is your opportunity to advise us of any changes to yours' or your families' health.

Medicare Part D 2008—Important Information

By now, most Medicare beneficiaries have received their new I.D. Cards for 2008. Some may have experienced a change in their coverage. If you are not sure which prescription card to use, bring in all your cards or paperwork, and our staff should be able

to assist you. Medicare requirements mandate that providers coordinate benefits when submitting claims. In other words, if you have other coverage, such as retirement benefits, PAAD, NJ Medicaid or other Patient Assistance Programs, we are re-

quired to submit claims to each accordingly. Please present all your insurance cards when requesting prescriptions, so that we can properly assist you.

Emergency Prescription Service: (609) 625-6868