



Did you ever wonder why it takes time to fill a prescription order?

A lot happens between the moment your healthcare provider (HCP) writes your prescription and the moment you pick it up from your pharmacist. Here’s what your pharmacist is doing with each of your prescriptions:

- Making sure the prescription details are clear
- Updating your medication record in the computer
- Making sure the strength and quantity are correct
- Looking for possible interactions or allergies and talking to your HCP if there are any problems
- Working with your insurance company
- Double-checking the prescription for accuracy
- Talking to you about your medicine



Everything that goes on “behind the counter” is done to make sure your prescription is filled right and to help you get the most out of your medication.

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