



# BASIC WORDS IN DRUG INSTRUCTION TRANSLATION







Nowadays, with the development of global communication, some Chinese drugs are exported to other countries, while foreign drugs are imported into China. Therefore, it must be necessary to translate Chinese into English and vice versa. Let's share some important basic words and sentences.

Most of drug instruction contains the following contents:

- a. Drug Name
- b. Description
- c. Pharmacological Actions
- d. Indications
- e. Contraindications
- f. Dosage and Administration
- g. Adverse Reactions
- h. Precautions
- i. Package
- j. Storage
- k. Others

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There are three kinds of names in English drug instruction: Trade Name or Proprietary Name, Generic Name and Chemical Name. Among these names, trade name or proprietary name is most common.

For example, there is a drug, whose trade name is Ursosan (Tablets), whose generic name is Ursodesoxycholic Acid and whose chemical name is 3a,7p dihydroxy-5p-Cholanoic acid. Sometimes, different names are used by different manufacturers.

Though drug instruction seems very short, maybe only one page, it is not simple to properly translate it from Chinese to English or from English to Chinese. Next time, we will concretely talk about it part by part, such as description, pharmacological actions, contraindications, etc.

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