



**OVER-THE-COUNTER PRODUCTS: ARE THEY SAFE?
A TRUE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PHARMACIST'S PROFESSIONAL GROWTH**

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The presentation deals with the numerous safety issues related to OTC drug use. The extent of safety appears to be dependent on a specific drug profile and its relevant pharmacological properties, on a proper recognition of the underlying disease as a *minor illness*, on the drug's administration modalities and last, but not least, on a patient's characteristics.

Through the enumeration of prototypic examples, the presentation aims at clarifying the necessary relationship between a pharmacist's professional attitude and the avoidance of iatrogenic pathology consequent to OTC product administration.