

“Who’s the Medication Expert in the White Coat?” Video Script

When you’re sick, you can see a lot of people in white coats.

Some are doctors, some are nurses, and some are pharmacists.

Pharmacists are the members of your healthcare team who are experts in medicine. And by experts, I mean EXPERTS.

We’re talking six years in college studying how medicines can best help you. It’s called a Pharm.D.: A doctor of pharmacy degree.

But it doesn’t stop there. Many pharmacists have extra training and specialize in caring for people who are critically ill, children, and people with cancer.

That’s a lot of expertise that really pays off. Because with pharmacists on your healthcare team, you get better care.

Pharmacists help doctors choose the best medicine for your Individual needs ... and work with you directly in many ways.

They’ll talk to you about your medicines and how to use them safely.

They’ll review all the medicines you may be taking, whether prescription or non-prescription, to make sure they all work well together.

And they’ll help you manage health conditions, like diabetes and heart disease.

Pharmacists also give vaccinations to help protect you from illnesses like the flu and shingles.

You can find out more about the medicines you take at SafeMedication.com – a website developed by ASHP – the association of pharmacists who take care of patients in clinics, hospitals, and other healthcare settings.

There’s lots of helpful information, including tips about how to use your medicine safely.

So, next time you are in a clinic, hospital, or other healthcare setting and see someone in a white coat, ask if they are your pharmacist!