## **Keeping OTC in the Pharmacy**

If I wanted to go grocery shopping I'd go to a grocery store, and for toys I'd go to a toy store, and furniture, a furniture store. And so on. So why would I expect to buy drugs anyplace other than a drugstore? But, to boost consumer convenience, officials are considering allowing non-prescription, over – the- counter (OTC), drugs to be sold in the supermarkets. Pharmacists, naturally, are bitterly opposed. In part, they dislike the loss of income that such a change would entail, especially since the OTC trade is a large part of their business; but they are even more concerned about the bad effects it would have on the easy accessibility of drugs. Even under the current, tightly controlled, situation, Korean drugs abuse is a growing problem. People should not develop the attitude that pills are recreational, like eating candy, or casual cure- all for every ailment; rather, they need to realize that pharmaceuticals have highly specific purposes and are best dispensed by highly trained professionals.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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