

Emergency Meds When Needed

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Whenever we discuss the possibility of the balloon eventually going up, one of the foremost topics of conversation borders upon the medical subject of antibiotics. It will not be easy to locate trained medical professionals at that time let alone the necessary medicines that might be needed.

It should seem pretty obvious that after the balloon goes up all our medical care and medicines will become a serious concern to those who require them in their daily lives to survive. During such times we will likely see some radical changes within our life styles which may reduce our needs for specific medications.

If you are on a much-needed medication you should consider purchasing a few extra whenever you are able to. Even then it may only extend your needed supplies for a few extra weeks at the most. Keep in mind however that by skimming your medications to the bare minimum you should be very careful of the resulting consequences. If you are at the minimal or moderate medical needs you may be okay doing this procedure however if your medicine is critical to your survival it could hinder your life. It would be a real downer to die because you were attempting to store up on medications. It's easy to stock pile supplies such as first aid cream, ointments and isopropyl alcohol but the prescription drugs are simply not that easy.

When it comes to obtaining an emergency supply of antibiotics you will likely encounter complete disapproval from both the medical profession and the legal authorities. I often find it very amusing that frequently emergency management agencies such as FEMA, etc. will recommend that you have "extra critical medicines" stored up for emergencies. The next time you are at your doctors ask him for some extra prescriptions for antibiotics or painkillers and see how he laughs at you.

You could easily obtain those antibiotics that are reserved for animals however you must be extremely careful when going this route. Even if you were to possibly be able to get away with using the animal antibiotic any injection forms may present a bit of a problem as they are definitely not intended for use by humans.

You have to remember that animals have a sort of built in immunity for less than perfect medicines whereas humans do not. Animal antibiotics are frequently buffered with the less expensive agents that are suitable for animals but could subject humans to serious allergic reactions. Once any kind of semblance of our current society had collapsed and our system of medical care has been eliminated and you discover a serious infection setting in, it might be risky to try using the animal products.

People with serious allergies or asthma can often obtain what is known as an EpiPen from their family physician. While you are at it you might want to get him to prescribe several refills since these products are subject to expiration. Since it is critical to get this item into the patient as quickly as possible you may wish to request one for

each floor of your home. Usually a single dose from the EpiPen is sufficient for most of the adults and the EpiPen Jr, is highly recommended for children under 100 pounds. Be sure that you read the instructions on the package in advance.

As for preventing your medicines from expiring you should initiate a shelf life system to properly rotate the products. Use a first in first out system so that you are always assured that you have fresh medicine in your reserve.

I have even been stocking up on fish medications feeling that they would be better than none at all, but I would highly recommend doing proper research on this topic before venturing on this course of action.

Keep in mind that you should be completely versed on the various antibiotics and any meds that you require prior to the balloon going up. Know these medical supplies inside out and backwards. As an example, you should know that Levofloxacin is a form of Cipro. After our infrastructure has dropped it will be too late to learn these things.