Classification of Prescriptions

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• 方剂分类方法是研究和总结古今成方的组成和临床运用规律的方法之一
• Classification of prescriptions is one of methods to study and summarize the regularities of composition and clinical application of formulas at ancient and present time
• 历代医家都进行了种种的探讨，创制了多种的分类方法
• There are various methods of classification in different era
• Disease-syndrome classification
• Zang-fu classification
• Pathogens classification
• Ingredient classification
• Syndrome classification
• Ancestor formula classification
• Action/treatment classification
Disease-symptom classification

- The earliest method
- Classifying the formulas based on the name of disease and symptoms
- Convenient for the clinic searching for formula according to disease
- formulas for 52 diseases
Zang-fu classification
脏腑分类

- Enumerating /listing zang-fu at first, then dividing the syndrome
- *Bei Ji Qian Jin Yao Fang* (Invaluable Prescriptions for Emergencies)
Pathogens Classification
病因分类

• All kinds of syndromes and formulas are listed/enumerated based on pathogens
• Such as wind-attack, dampness-attack
• San Yin Ji Yi Bing Zheng Fang Lun (Treatise on Three Categories of Pathogenic Factors and Prescriptions)
Ingredient/component Classification

• Originated from “seven formulas” in *Huang Di Nei Jing* (Huang Di’s Cannon of Medicine)

• Large, small, mild, urgent, odd, even and compound formulas---by Cheng Wuji

• Based on the nature (*light/severe*), location (*upper/lower*), tendency (*chronic/acute*) of disease and state of body (*weak/strong*)

• Shang han ming li lun
Syndrome Classification
证候分类

• Making main formula based on the six meridians
• Vary formulas based on changes of syndromes
• *Shang Han Lun* (Treatise on Exogenous Febrile Diseases)
Ancestor Formula Classification
祖方分类

- Representative formula followed by modified/affiliated formulas which stem from ancestor formulas
- *Zu Ji*《祖剂》by Shi Pei
- *Zhang Shi Yi Tong*《张氏医通》by Zhang Lu
Action/treatment Classification
功效分类
• Originated from Yao Dui(药对) of Northern Song Dynasty-10 kinds of drugs
• 10 kinds of formulas in *Shang Han Ming Li Lun* (伤寒明理论) by Cheng Wu Ji
• 8 treatment principles in *Yi Xue Xin Wu* by Cheng Zhong Ling
• 21 kinds of formulas in *Yi Fang Ji Jle* by Wang Ang
• Suitable to clinical demand