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Foreword

This document complies with the provisions of GB/T 1.1-2020 "Standardization Work Guidelines Part

1.Structure and Drafting Rules of Standardization Documents". Drafting. This document replaces GB/T 33414-2016 "Specifications for Acupoint Application of Medications". Compared with GB/T 33414-2016, the main differences are structural adjustments and... Aside from editorial changes, the main technical changes are as follows:

- a) Added measures to control skin irritation when applying highly irritating medicated patches and the names of common vesicular drugs (see 4.2.4);
- b) Added the names of commonly used penetration enhancers (see 4.2.5);
- c) Added the names of commonly used excipients (see 4.2.6);
- d) Added basic information on application method, application time, and management of adverse reactions (see 4.2.7);
- e) Commonly used dosage forms have been added (see 4.3.3);
- f) Common indications and their acupoint application regimens have been added (see 5.1);
- g) Added precautions for the application of acupoint patches to infants and young children

(see 5.2);

h) Added descriptions that doctors believe are not suitable for patients to use (see 5.3). Please note that some content in this document may involve patents. The issuing organization of this document assumes no responsibility for identifying patents. This document was proposed by the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine. This document is under the jurisdiction of the National Technical Committee on Standardization of Acupuncture and Moxibustion (SAC/TC475). This document was drafted by: Institute of Acupuncture and Moxibustion, China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences; Institute of Basic Clinical Medicine of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences; and Shandong University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. School of Acupuncture and Moxibustion, Medical University; Zhejiang University of Traditional Chinese Medicine; Institute of Information on Traditional Chinese Medicine, China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences. The main drafters of this document are: Fang Yigong, Gao Shuzhong, Wu Xiqiu, Peng Jin, Xu Huanfang, Ma Yuxia, Lei Lei, Yu Yanpu, Zhang Xiugang, and Du Dongqing. The release history of this document and the document it replaces is as follows:

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---This is the first revision. Standardized use of acupoint patch therapy

1 Scope

GB/T 33414-2026 is the Chinese national standard covering herbal paste applied to acupuncture points - the preparations and their bases, the points and the duration of application, the skin reactions expected and the ones that mean it must be removed. It replaces GB/T 33414-2016 and has been in force since 1 October 2026. It was issued on 31 March 2026 and takes effect on 1 October 2026, replacing GB/T 33414-2016. This page is published from the official record of the 2026 edition; the clause text of a standard this recent is not yet in circulation, and the figures, limits and tables it contains are those of the document itself, delivered in full with the English translation.

This document specifies the requirements for the use of drugs and the target population for acupoint application. This document applies to the clinical application of acupoint application.

2 Normative references

The contents of the following documents, through normative references within the text, constitute essential provisions of this document. Dated citations are not included. For references to documents, only the version corresponding to that date applies to this document; for undated references, the latest version (including all amendments) applies. This document.

GB/T 12346 Names and Locations of Acupoints

GB/T 21709.9-2008 Standard Operating Procedures for Acupuncture Techniques - Part

9.Acupoint Application Pharmacopoeia of the People's Republic of China (2020 Edition)

3 Terms and Definitions

The terms and definitions defined in GB/T 21709.9-2008, as well as the following terms and definitions, apply to this document.

3.1 acupoint paste Traditional Chinese medicine external treatment methods involve applying medications to acupoints to prevent and treat diseases.

3.2 Penetration enhancer Drugs that can increase the rate or amount of drug transdermal absorption.

3.3 excipient A substance that gives a drug its appropriate form and volume.

4 Drug Use

4.1 Basic Principles The acupoints and medications for application were selected based on the principles and methods of traditional Chinese medicine's syndrome differentiation and treatment. The selection of medications complied with the "Pharmacopoeia of the People's Republic of China". According to the 2020 edition, the location of acupoints must be determined according to GB/T 12346, specifying the acupoint name and location. Drugs that warm the Yang and replenish Qi, unblock the meridians and collaterals, and promote the flow of Qi and blood are the first choice. The efficacy and indications of commonly used drugs for acupoint application are shown in Appendix A.

4.2 General Requirements

4.2.1 Clinically effective prescriptions for preventing and treating diseases should be modified based on past clinical experience and regional characteristics, and should preferably be ground into powder or decocted. The plaster is used as a topical medication for acupoints to prevent and treat corresponding diseases.