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When travelling...

Gastrointestinal medicines, headache tablets and perhaps a gel to soothe insect bites? It's no big hassle to pack these and yet they give you a reassuring feeling of security.

By the time you and your first-aid kit set off on vacations, the medicines have already had a long, exciting journey.

Take a common painkiller tablet, for example: in three steps, phenol becomes para-(acet-ylamino)phenol – what we commonly know as paracetamol or acetaminophen. This active ingredient is sent from the active ingredient manufacturer to a drug manufacturer. There it is analysed in the control lab and stored until being processed – in the perfect mixing ratio together with various excipients – into the finished medicinal product. Once the final product has passed testing in the quality control lab and has been approved by the qualified person, it is packaged, stored again and then makes its way to the end user. This leads via logisticians, wholesalers and pharmacies. Of course, the whole process is always carried out under controlled conditions.

That's a lot of steps. Have you counted them? At least 10! And as the complexity of the medicine increases, the journey naturally becomes longer and longer.

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