CLAIMS:

1. A method of ensuring correct assembly of a disposable blister pack having a transparent or semi-transparent blister sheet provided with blisters defining cavities for receiving medication doses; a frangible backing sheet adhered to the blister sheet to close the cavities; and, a protective card secured to, and folded around the blister sheet; the method comprising the steps of:

a. sending instructions from a computer to a printer having two printing heads;

b. printing on a blank protective card supplied to the printer from a store of such cards and by means of one of the printing heads, markings significant of a patient and of prescribed medication doses to be administered to the patient;

c. printing by means of the second printing head the same markings at two spaced places on a blank backing sheet supplied to the printer from a store of such backing sheets, one of the places being on a tab detachable from the backing sheet;

d. transferring the detachable tab from the backing sheet to a predetermined position on the blister sheet and adhering the tab in that position;

e. using the markings transferred onto the blister sheet to ensure loading of the correct prescribed medication doses into the cavities of the blister sheet;

f. adhering the backing sheet to the blister sheet to retain the medication doses within the cavities defined by the blisters,

g. securely fastening the blister sheet onto the printed protection card in a manner enabling the three markings to be seen from the same side of the unfolded protective card; and,

h. establishing correctness of assembly of the pack by checking that the three markings on the protective card, the blister sheet and the backing sheet are identical with one another.

2. A disposable and protected blister pack constructed from three components and having information printed on it identifying a patient for whom the blister pack is intended and prescribed medication doses contained within the blisters of the pack; in which pack the three components individually comprise:

a. a first component in the form of a transparent or semi-transparent blister sheet having manually depressible blisters providing cavities individually containing medication doses prescribed by a medical practitioner;

b. a second component in the form of a frangible backing sheet sealing the cavities of the blisters and in adherent contact with the face of the blister sheet opposite to that from which the blisters protrude, so as to hermetically seal the medication doses in each of the blister cavities; and,

c. a third component in the form of a protective card securely attached to the blister sheet to protect it from damage and having one fold line providing a hinge about which the pack can be turned to facilitate access to its upper and lower surfaces and thus the removal of medication doses from a selected blister of the pack; the pack being distinguished by having three identical printed markings displayed on the same side of the blister pack when the third component is unfolded

and the second component is turned to a predetermined position about the hinge; one of the markings being printed on the third component, a second of the markings being printed on the second component, and the third marking being printed on an adhesive tab previously transferred from a first position on the second component to a predetermined position on the first component enabling it to be viewed through a window provided in the first component.

3. A blister pack as claimed in claim 2, in which the marking are in the form of a binary code.

4. A blister pack as claimed in either of claims 2 and 3, in which the markings on the first and second components which include a set of blocks which register with one another if the second component is correctly positioned with respect to the first component.

5. A blister pack as claimed in any one of the claims 2 to 4, in which two sets identical markings respectively provided on the second and third components are precisely aligned with one another when the blister package is correctly located on the card.