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To All Medical/ Dental Practitioners

Subject: Prescription and Dispensing Requirements Rules

The Medical Council would like to remind you to abide by the Medicines Act Cap 458, Prescription and Dispensing Requirements Rules, Article 3, when issuing prescriptions. All pharmacists will now be advised not to dispense medicines against prescriptions which are not according to the following:

Every prescription shall:

(a) be easily legible and written in ink or in other indelible manner;

(b) bear the date on which it is written, clearly indicate in a legible manner and in block letters the full name, and contact details, such as the telephone number, of the prescriber as well as the registration number assigned by the relevant council, and shall be signed accordingly in original;

(c) bear the name, age and locality of current residence of the patient and the name, strength, dosage form, quantity and duration of treatment of each prescribed product included in the said prescription, together with clear instructions on how the prescribed product is to be taken or used. Repeat prescriptions are to be marked accordingly indicating the total period of duration of treatment; and

(d) in the case of computer generated prescriptions, bear the details in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) and be signed in handwriting by the prescriber.

Regards

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