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Practice Direction
Adaptation of a Prescription

1.0 Scope and Objective:

1.1 Expected Outcome

This document is a practice direction of Council concerning the implementation of the principle of adaptation through the authority of *The Pharmaceutical Regulations* to *The Pharmaceutical Act* and *The Pharmaceutical Act (Act).*

1.2 Document Jurisdiction (Area of Practice)

Compliance is enabled through the collaboration with all practitioners and adaptation can be done by all licensed pharmacists.

1.3 Regulatory Authority Reference

The definition of adaptation and section 69(4) of regulations to the *Act* allows Council to create this practice direction.

2.0 Practice Direction

2.1 Adaptation of a prescription must be based on an existing prescription provided by a practitioner as defined in the *Act.*

2.2 Adaptation is limited to :

- 2.2.1 Dosage Strength
- 2.2.2 Dosage Interval and/or
- 2.2.3 Formulation

2.3 A licensed pharmacist may adapt a prescription when they are knowledgeable of the patient, the condition being treated and the drug therapy, and if one or more of the following applies:

- 2.3.1 The prescription described is not commercially available or may be temporarily unavailable from the supplier,
- 2.3.2 Information is missing from the prescription and sufficient information about the drug therapy can be obtained from the patient, patient record,

or other sources to determine that adaptation of strength, interval and/or formulation will support compliance with the prescribed dosage.

2.3.3 Adaptation will facilitate patient adherence to the medication regimen,

2.3.4 Adaptation will enable the patient to benefit from approved and existing third-party drug coverage.

2.4 Adaptation of a prescription may apply to drugs covered under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act,* but only when the total amount of milligrams prescribed is not exceeded.

2.5 Documentation

2.5.1 The licensed pharmacist must document and keep a record of all information related to the adaptation of a prescription including:

2.5.1.1 Create a new prescription record signed by the adapting licensed pharmacist.

2.5.1.2 Provide a clear reference on the new prescription indicating the location of the original prescription.

2.5.1.3 Document the patient's agreement with the adaptation and the following information:

2.5.1.3.1 Patient name and, when available, PHIN,

2.5.1.3.2 Licensed pharmacist's name and signature or initials

2.5.1.3.3 Original prescription information

2.5.1.3.4 Rationale for the decision to adapt the prescription

2.5.1.3.5 Description of the adaptation

2.5.1.3.6 Follow-up plan, when appropriate to do so

2.6 Notification

2.6.1 The licensed pharmacist must promptly notify the originating practitioner.

2.6.2 Notification must include all the information listed in 2.5.1.3 in addition to the pharmacy name and address where the adaptation occurred.

3.0 Compliance Adjudication

3.1 All documentation must be readily accessible and open to regulatory review.

4.0 Appendices

Not applicable

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A Practice Direction is a written statement made by Council for the purposes of giving direction to members and owners about the conduct of their practice or pharmacy operations. Compliance with practice directions is required under the Pharmaceutical Act.

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