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Attention all Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Schedule V applications and Cards

In order to reduce bureaucratic procedures regarding Schedule V Medicines Entitlement, the Medicines Entitlement Unit within the Directorate for Pharmaceutical Policy will be adopting the process below.

The Schedule V card will include only the medical substance and the formulation for entitlement purpose. The dose and the dosage regimen will no longer be included. Prescribers are being kindly directed to refrain from using brand names but only include the name of the medical substance and the formulation on the application.

Please find two examples for your guidance :

- Beclomethasone 250mcg inhaler bd will be inputted as Beclomethasone inhaler and therefore it will be referring to either the low dose or the high dose inhaler as per prescription.
- Bumetanide 1mg tablets tds will be inputted as Bumetanide tablets referring to both the 1mg and 5mg tablets as per prescription.

For dispensing purposes, dispensers will be guided by the prescriptions, consultant and/or GP notes, permits for protocol-regulated medicines and/or the respective treatment cards.

Thank you

For your attention, please

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