

**DH CIRCULAR No. 104/2012**
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Attention All: Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Diabetes Management and Schedule V applications

In collaboration with the Diabetes clinic at Mater Dei Hospital it has been agreed that with immediate effect, the Medicines Entitlement Unit will receive the new Schedule V application for further processing.

Patients who are in possession of a Consultant Form (SLH 145) and who do not require any change in treatment will need to be referred to a medical practitioner. The medical practitioner would need to verify that the Consultant form (SLH 145) is valid:

- i. Appropriately filled in
- ii. Legible
- iii. Endorsed by a designated consultant
- iv. Valid expiry date
- v. Expired form: If the Consultant form (SLH 145) is expired but was issued *after 1st January 2010* this will still be accepted

The medical practitioner would need to endorse such requests by attaching a covering letter stating the current specific treatment. The medicines need to be listed using the generic names e.g. glibenclamide, gliclazide. Medicines which usually need a special permit (previously known as non-formulary) should still be listed.

The covering letter filled by the medical practitioner including the valid Consultant form (SLH 145) will be sent directly to the Medicines Entitlement Unit, MHEC, St. Luke's Hospital, G'Mangia.

If the Consultant form (SLH 145) is not valid or in the case of new patients, the medical practitioner should refer the patient with a ticket of referral, to the Diabetes clinics at Mater Dei Hospital/Primary Health Care.

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Schedule II cards (pink) will no longer be issued for diabetic patients. The Schedule II cards (pink) will be only issued for the means-tested population. Dispensers are to check the validity of Schedule II cards (pink) for Diabetic patients. If not valid the medical practitioner should refer the patient with a ticket of referral, to the Diabetes clinics at Mater Dei Hospital/Primary Health Care. Kindly ensure that all patients receive regular treatment during the 6 months switch over period.

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