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*Office of the Chief Medical Officer*

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**Attention All:** Consultants  
Medical Practitioners  
Pharmacists  
Pharmacy Technicians  
Nurses

**Re: Review of Medicines Entitlement and Issuing of Patients' Prescriptions**

As per DH Circular 223/2010, since 2010 a system has been in place, where dose and dosage regimen no longer feature on the Schedule V entitlement card to reduce the need for frequent changing of this card.

In this respect, it is of paramount importance that clinicians provide patients with detailed prescription/s immediately whenever new treatment is prescribed or amended, or if doses are altered.

The Medicines Entitlement Unit (MEU) within the Directorate for Pharmaceutical Affairs and the Pharmacy of Your Choice (POYC) unit are collaborating to provide a more efficient and streamlined service to patients whilst reducing administrative burden on POYC registered community pharmacies. The MEU is now reporting patient entitlement updates to POYC on a daily basis. The necessary processes are then initiated to immediately update stock requirement for the respective community pharmacies.

Your cooperation and support to assist patients to benefit from access to medical treatment in the fastest manner is appreciated.

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