



Dispensing Multiple Repeat Prescriptions at One Time

The Australian Pharmacy Council met on 26 – 27 November 2007 and the issue of simultaneous multiple dispensing of repeat prescriptions by pharmacies was discussed.

The Council endorsed the following position statement on multiple dispensing of repeat prescriptions:

The Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) believes that the simultaneous supply of multiple quantities e.g. supply of multiple repeats at once, may not be in accordance with the prescriber's intention and is contrary to good pharmaceutical practice.

The APC further believes that this practice is contrary to the National Medicines Policy and may deprive the consumer of regular review and provision of medicine information which can assist in minimising medication misadventure. However, the APC recognises that extenuating circumstances such as those catered for by the provision of regulation 24 of the National Health Act can exist.

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