

Prescribing Examples: Basics

REGULAR MEDICATION

YEAR	DAY & MONTH	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
2012		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Medicine	Pregabalin															
Indication	Pain															
Dose	25 - 50mg															
Route	PO															
Start Date	05.10.12															
Review Date																
Signature																
Stop Date & Initials																
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS																

A: REGULAR PRESCRIPTION SHEET

The prescription sheet is divided into two basic parts:

1. THE PRESCRIBING TABLE (drug name, indication, dose, route, start, stop & review dates, special instructions box for prescribing and prescribing times – fixed or other that you state PLUS pharmacy box to show when pharmacist has looked at prescription) – there may be other features required by your organisation eg. your bleep number. The Example is for regular medication but the as required is similar and may have maximum dose as well
2. THE DRUG ADMINISTRATION TABLE (date drug given and 'signing' box where person giving the drug puts their initials to show it has been done.) – if a drug is not given, prescription sheets often have a code to show the reason eg. patient refused, vomiting, not on ward etc. The codes vary with organisations but are written on the prescription sheet. If not given the relevant code is written in the administration box

Each prescribed dose has its own drug administration box which is divided into two parts. If a drug is not written as part of a range (ie only as a single dose) the person administering the drug will sign in the whole box. If the drug is prescribed as a range the two parts of the box are used:

3. TOP OF THE DRUG ADMINISTRATION BOX. This is where the dose that has been given is written. It is usually the responsibility of the prescriber to write this so the drug administrator knows what to give. If a drug dose is to be escalated (as in the example of Pregabalin above) then the doses may be written in advance by the prescriber (see 6). If this is done it is good practice to also complete the dates to be given boxes in advance (see 8)
4. BOTTOM OF THE DRUG ADMINISTRATION BOX. This is where the drug administrator signs or if not given a code is used (see 2)
5. If a drug is NOT starting at the start of the administration box, it is helpful to put a line or Xs across those boxes that are not needed before the prescription begins
6. For drug doses that are changing eg in a range you can write the dose in advance in the top of the relevant drug administration box PLUS follow 7 below This is useful for drugs doses that are escalating (eg Pregabalin) OR reducing (eg. steroids). NB: SOME ORGANISATIONS DO NOT ALLOW THIS SO CHECK BEFORE PRESCRIBING
7. If a drug is prescribed in a range and you are you prescribing in advance (eg for an escalating or reducing course) it is good practice put the dates in for these advanced doses

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS																

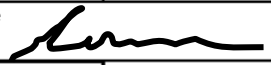
B: STOPPING A DRUG

8. Write in stop date (you may have to put your initials in as well)
9. Draw a line across the Prescribing Box to show it is cancelled
10. Draw a line on the Administration Table to show it is cancelled
11. If clinically indicated, write the reason for stopping the drug in the Special Instruction Box


Prescribing Examples: Morphine & Oxycodone Immediate Release PO (all doses equipotent)

Generic

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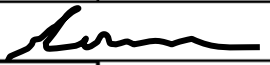
YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine MORPHINE IR		02:00	
Indication PAIN		06:00	
Dose 15MG	Route PO	10:00	
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	14:00	
Signature 		18:00	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	22:00	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			

2 a)


YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine OXYCODONE IR		02:00	
Indication PAIN		06:00	
Dose 10MG	Route PO	10:00	
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	14:00	
Signature 		18:00	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	22:00	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			

Brand

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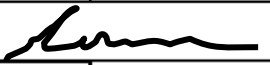
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Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine SEVREDOL		02:00	
Indication PAIN		06:00	
Dose 15MG	Route PO	10:00	
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	14:00	
Signature 		18:00	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	22:00	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			

2 b)


YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine OXYNORM		02:00	
Indication PAIN		06:00	
Dose 10MG	Route PO	10:00	
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	14:00	
Signature 		18:00	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	22:00	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			

Specify Times

1 c)

YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine ORAMORPH			
Indication PAIN		BFast	6AM
Dose 15MG	Route PO	Noon	10AM
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	Lunch	2PM
Signature 		Tea	6PM
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	Bed	10PM
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			

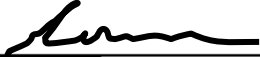
2 c)

YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine OXYCODONE IR			
Indication PAIN		BFast	6AM
Dose 10MG	Route PO	Noon	10AM
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	Lunch	2PM
Signature 		Tea	6PM
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	Bed	10PM
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			

Prescribing Examples: Morphine & Oxycodone Modified Release PO (all doses equipotent)


Generic

3 a)

YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine MORPHINE MR		02:00	
Indication PAIN		06:00	
Dose 45MG	Route PO	10:00	
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	14:00	
Signature 		18:00	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	22:00	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			


Brand

3 b)


YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine ZOMORPH		02:00	
Indication PAIN		06:00	
Dose 45MG	Route PO	10:00	
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	14:00	
Signature 		18:00	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	22:00	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			

Specify Times


3 c)

YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine MORPHINE MR			
Indication PAIN		BFast	
Dose 45MG	Route PO	Noon	10am
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	Lunch	
Signature 		Tea	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	Bed	10pm
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			


4 a)

YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine OXYCODONE MR		02:00	
Indication PAIN		06:00	
Dose 30MG	Route PO	10:00	
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	14:00	
Signature 		18:00	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	22:00	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			

4 b)

YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine OXYCONTIN		02:00	
Indication PAIN		06:00	
Dose 30MG	Route PO	10:00	
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	14:00	
Signature 		18:00	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	22:00	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			


4 c)

YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine OXYCODONE MR			
Indication PAIN		BFast	
Dose 30MG	Route PO	Noon	10am
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	Lunch	
Signature 		Tea	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	Bed	10pm
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			

Prescribing Examples: Morphine & Oxycodone MR, IR, SC (all doses equipotent)


Generic

5 a)

YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine MORPHINE MR		02:00	
Indication PAIN		06:00	
Dose 45MG	Route PO	10:00	
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	14:00	
Signature 		18:00	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	22:00	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			


Break Through PO

5 b)


Medicine MORPHINE IR		YEAR 2014
Indication PAIN		Day: ↗ Month: →
Dose 15MG	Route PO	Time
Start Date 21.02.2014	Frequency 1H	Dose
Signature 		Initials
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS		

Break Through SC

5 c)

Medicine MORPHINE		YEAR 2014
Indication PAIN		Day: ↗ Month: →
Dose 7.5MG	Route SC	Time
Start Date 21.02.2014	Frequency 1H	Dose
Signature 		Initials
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS		


6 a)

YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine OXYCODONE MR		02:00	
Indication PAIN		06:00	
Dose 30MG	Route PO	10:00	
Start Date 21.02.2014	Review Date	14:00	
Signature 		18:00	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	22:00	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			

6 b)

Medicine OXYCODONE IR		YEAR 2014
Indication PAIN		Day: ↗ Month: →
Dose 10MG	Route PO	Time
Start Date 21.02.2014	Frequency 1H	Dose
Signature 		Initials
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS		


6 c)

Medicine OXYCODONE		YEAR 2014
Indication PAIN		Day: ↗ Month: →
Dose 5MG	Route SC	Time
Start Date 21.02.2014	Frequency 1H	Dose
Signature 		Initials
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS		

Prescribing Examples: Morphine & Oxycodone Syringe Driver (all doses equipotent)


Generic

7 a)

YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine	MORPHINE	02:00	↑ ↓
Indication	PAIN	06:00	
Dose	45MG	10:00	
Route	CSCI	14:00	
Start Date	21.02.2014	18:00	
Signature		22:00	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	


Break Through PO

7 b)


Medicine		MORPHINE IR	YEAR	2014
Indication		PAIN	Day: ↗	Month: →
Dose	15MG	Route	PO	Time
Start Date	21.02.2014	Frequency	1H	Dose
Signature				Initials
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials		SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	

Break Through SC


7 c)

Medicine		MORPHINE	YEAR	2014
Indication		PAIN	Day: ↗	Month: →
Dose	7.5MG	Route	SC	Time
Start Date	21.02.2014	Frequency	1H	Dose
Signature				Initials
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials		SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	


8 a)

YEAR ▶ 2014		DAY & MONTH ▶	
Administration Times (24hrs) { REGULAR OTHER			
Medicine	OXYCODONE	02:00	↑ ↓
Indication	PAIN	06:00	
Dose	30MG	10:00	
Route	CSCI	14:00	
Start Date	21.02.2014	18:00	
Signature		22:00	
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	

8 b)

Medicine		OXYCODONE IR	YEAR	2014
Indication		PAIN	Day: ↗	Month: →
Dose	10MG	Route	PO	Time
Start Date	21.02.2014	Frequency	1H	Dose
Signature				Initials
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials		SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	

8 c)

Medicine		OXYCODONE	YEAR	2014
Indication		PAIN	Day: ↗	Month: →
Dose	5MG	Route	SC	Time
Start Date	21.02.2014	Frequency	1H	Dose
Signature				Initials
PHARMACY	Stop Date & Initials		SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	

