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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Object Class |
| METEOR identifier: | 600233 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | An order for medication, therapy or therapeutic device given by a properly authorised person, which ultimately goes to a person properly authorised to dispense, supply or perform the order (in most situations, a pharmacist).  A prescription is usually in written form (either handwritten or computer generated); can be phoned or faxed; and includes the patient's name and address, the date, the medication prescribed either as approved or generic name or as a proprietary name (or trademark); directions to the pharmacist, whether it is acceptable to dispense a generic equivalent, directions to the patient that must appear on the label, prescriber's signature and an identifying prescriber number. |
| Specialisation of: | [Service/care event](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/281121) |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health |
| Origin: | Harris P, Nagy S, Vardaxis N (Editors) 2010. Mosby's Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing & Health Professions, 2nd Australian and New Zealand Edition. NSW: Mosby Elsevier, page 1404. |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Data Element Concepts implementing this Object Class: | [Prescription—repeat prescription indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/603999)  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |