

# Prescription

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Object Class

**METEOR identifier:** 600233

**Registration status:**

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**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](#)

## 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.

## Relational attributes

**Data Element Concepts implementing this Object Class:** [Prescription—repeat prescription indicator](#)

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