

Prescription

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Object Class

METEOR identifier: 600233

Registration status: [Commonwealth Department of Health, 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](#)

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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