

Age - Legal requirement for all children under 12 years of age

Pharmacy Stamp	Age 7	Title, Forename, Surname & Address SOME BODY 1 THE STREET ANY PLACE CORNWALL XX0 0XX	
	D.o.B 23/06/95		
Please don't stamp over age box		Number of days' treatment N.B. Ensure dose is stated 28	
Endorsements Do not write in this box.		SALBUTAMOL CFC FREE INHALER 10P 2 PUFFS QDS PRN AMOXICILLIN SYRUP SF 125MG/5ML 5ML TDS 100ML LACTULOSE SOLUTION X 300ML 5ML BD PRN CONSTIPATION	Office use FP10HP0901
Signature of Doctor ANOther		Date 2/3/03	
Doctor's name and initials in block capitals A N OTHER			
For dispenser No. of Prescns. On form	Name and address of NHS Trust ROYAL CORNWALL HOSPITAL (OUTPATIENTS) TRELISKE, TRURO L21 12 08		
NHS	PATIENTS – please read the notes overleaf		
PRESCRIPTION SERIAL NUMBER			

Date of Birth preferable →

← Name and address. Important and a legal requirement

← Number of days treatment to be supplied. (Optional) Please specify quantity if 'prn' dose

Medication write as generic where possible

REMEMBER
a) Form
b) Strength
c) Directions
d) Quantity

Your signature. →

Print name. Important if there is a query →

← Hospital stamp and clinic code.

The above mock prescription was developed by Ros Palmer, community services pharmacist of the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust and Michael Wilcock, Cornwall Prescribing Support Unit. It was presented at the British Pharmaceutical Conference 2003 after they were awarded the 2002 joint National Pharmaceutical Association and Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists award sponsored by MSD. The title of their presentation was: "Community pharmacy advising on secondary care prescribing — is this possible?"

This page may be photocopied to allow copies of the mock prescription above to be displayed in clinical areas where hospital prescribers may be using FP10HP prescriptions (or its successor).

Approximately 1,500 prescriptions are issued each month in the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust, with the busiest clinics located in sites across Cornwall with no on-site dispensing facilities. The aim of the project was to involve community pharmacists in joint working across the interface and to test the feasibility of using the skills and knowledge of community pharmacists in advising and reporting on specific aspects of outpatient prescribing.

Seventeen community pharmacies were identified as regular dispensers of FP10HP prescriptions, and training was provided for the pharmacists and dispensary staff.

Between three and 105 prescriptions were dispensed in each of the selected community pharmacies each month. By July 2003, infor-

mation had been received on 5,315 forms and 7,217 items. There were few occasions where prescribing was not generic. There was also little evidence of prescribers not adhering to the local joint formulary. Five per cent of prescriptions were difficult to dispense as a result of poor prescribing, eg, quantity omitted, dose omitted, choice of medicine not clear.

As a result of the project, a poster was prepared showing the above mock prescription, which is to be publicised and promoted to hospital prescribers. A list of hospital outpatient department contact numbers is to be circulated to all community pharmacies. There will also be provision of on-going training of hospital staff on how to complete the FP10HP form, and teaching on relevant regulations.