

## Checklist: Assessment of Patient's Own Medicines for In-Hospital Use

- The medicine was prescribed for the current patient (ie a prescription medication).

Medicines in original package/foil strip is able to be identified as that on the label either from the original package or name and strength on the foil strip;

**OR**

- Medicines dispensed in a bottle (eg liquids or unmarked tablets) have been assessed by a pharmacist or other appropriately skilled health professional and deemed safe for use (If the number of tablets/capsules is clearly more than suggested on the label, indicating that the patient may have mixed several supplies, this medication must not be used);

**OR**

Loose medicines (ie blister pack) are able to be positively identified as that marked on the blister pack. (Mixed supplies contained in a bottle or dosette should not be used).

Dispensing label (for prescription medicines) is legible and states:

- Supplier details (ie chemist's/dispensing doctor's)
- Patient's name
- Drug name, form and strength
- Dose
- Quantity dispensed
- Date dispensed

*If the dosage instructions have changed, then the medicine should be relabelled, where possible*

- Medicine is within the expiry date printed on the pack (If no expiry date is printed, the medicine must not be used).

- Medicine and its container are in good condition (ie clean, dry, with no sign of tampering, damage or contamination)

- Medicine with specific storage instructions or short expiry once opened may only be used (eg fridge items, eye drops) if clearly unopened and stored correctly

Medicine was dispensed/purchased in Australia

**OR**

- If the medicine has been dispensed/purchased outside of Australia its use may be unlicensed and should be regarded as such - If it is required for continuation of therapy the pharmacy/pharmacist must be contacted.

For more information

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