DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH

Repackaging Medicines PHC Remote Information Sheet

Primary Health Care (PHC) Remote staff authorised to supply medicines under Northern Territory (NT) Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act (MPTGA) may be required to repackage medicines prior to supply to improve the safety or effectiveness of the medicine. When assessing whether repackaging is appropriate, consideration needs to be given to the stability of the medicine and potential safety concerns for clients. When supplying repackaged medicines to clients the following requirements must be adhered to:

Packaging

Repackaged medicines must only be supplied in endorsed packaging as listed on the PHC Remote Standard Drug List (SDL). *Some medicines are unsuitable for removal from part or all of the original manufacturers packaging. This is usually indicated on the original manufacturers packaging. If this is unclear contact your pharmacy provider for clarification.*

Liquid Medicines	Solid Medicines
Oral liquid doses must be supplied in plastic amber bottles with a child proof lid. Three sizes of plastic amber bottles with child resistant caps - 20ml, 100ml & 225ml are available on the SDL.	Oral solid doses (tablets or capsules) must be supplied in: - Plastic amber bottles with a child proof lid, or - Strips or part strips packaged within cardboard tablet boxes. Part strips must be cut in a manner to preserve the medicine name and expiry date on the part of the strip that will remain in health centre stock. Any part strip remaining in health centre stock that does not display this information should be discarded.

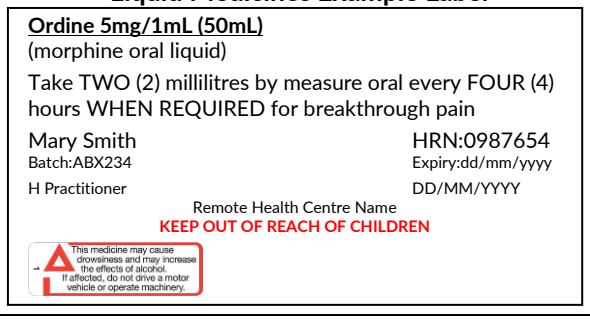
Labelling

Medicine labels should be printed using a ZEBRA Label Printer wherever possible. All scheduled medicines must include the following information on a label when supplied to a client:

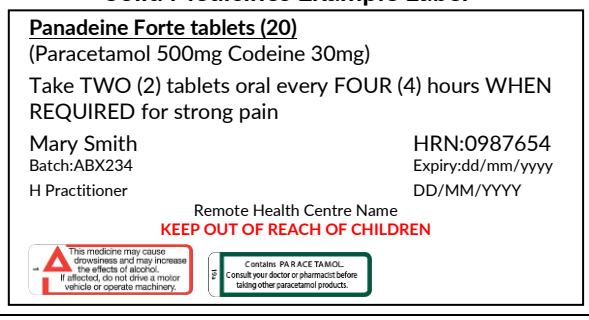
- client's name
- name of medicine, strength, form and the quantity supplied
- prescribed dose, frequency and route of administration
- date given to the client
- initials / electronic identifier of staff member supplying the medicine
- location and contact details of health centre
- expiry date +/- batch number
- ancillary warning labels if applicable e.g. sedation warning.
- specific storage requirements if applicable
- keep out of reach of children

Some medicines have a reduced shelf life once opened or removed from their original packaging. The reduced duration is usually indicated on the original manufacturers packaging. This should be recorded as the expiry date on the repackaged medicine. If this is unclear contact your pharmacy provider for clarification. For more information see Issuing & Administering Medicines.

Liquid Medicines Example Label



Solid Medicines Example Label



Documentation

Each supply must be documented in the client health record. Additionally each supply of Schedule 8 (S8) and Restricted Schedule 4 (RS4) Medicines MUST be recorded on the appropriate page in the S8 & RS4 Drug Register.

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