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**PRESCRIBING POLICY**

**FOR DRUGS SUBJECT TO MISUSE**

1. No controlled drugs to be prescribed at first consultation.

2. No controlled drugs to be prescribed without reviewing medical notes from previous GP.

3. All patients on narcotics (or other drugs subject to misuse) should undergo a urine drug screen at random visits, and at least annually.

4. All patients on long term narcotics (or other drugs subject to misuse) for non-cancer pain are to be referred to the Pain Clinic for review.

5. No early pickups from pharmacies are to be allowed.

6. All prescriptions are to be endorsed with - Close Control Monthly

- The name of the dispensing pharmacy

- The dose and quantity to be written in full as well as numbers

7. Document all prescriptions in the patient record under medications. Enter prescription form number in the daily record.

8. Record the name of the patient and prescription numbers on the cardboard at the back of the pad. This is to be scanned into the computer when the pad is completed.

9. The patient’s nominated doctor only should be responsible for control of changes in prescribing for: - narcotics

- codeine

- methylphenidate

- benzodiazepines