



Physician Identification on Prescriptions

Accurate prescriber information is essential for good patient care. As the number of health professionals relying on the PharmaNet database increases, it becomes more and more critical that prescription information is accurate. Pharmacists and physicians have important roles to play in ensuring that prescriptions are attributed to the correct prescriber.

Physicians	Pharmacists
Your CPSID is the key	Ensure you know who the doctor is
<p>Print your name on the prescription, together with the College ID number (CPSID) that appears on the card issued by the College to each physician on an annual basis. Do NOT use your MSP billing number.</p> <p>Generic hospital or clinic prescription pads are especially difficult to manage. If you use these pads, your name and CPSID must be clearly recorded.</p> <p>Have your College ID number added to your personalized prescription forms at the time of printing.</p> <p>Ensure that you only use triplicate/duplicate prescription pads that have been personalized with your name and College ID number.</p> <p>Locum physicians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly identify yourself with a printed version of your name and your College ID number. • Obtain a supply of personalized triplicate prescriptions forms. It is not permissible to use the triplicate prescription pad of another physician. <p>Failure to identify yourself clearly on a prescription can result in unnecessary delays in patient care or prescriptions being attributed to the wrong physician.</p>	<p>Each prescription must be attributed to the physician who wrote it.</p> <p>If a new physician reorders a patient's previous prescriptions, these new prescriptions must be attributed to the new physician.</p> <p>If a locum authorizes additional refills, the refills must be entered in PharmaNet under the locum's name.</p> <p>If a physician uses their MSP number rather than their College ID number, contact the physician to determine their College ID number. Alternatively, you can contact the PharmaNet Helpdesk to cross reference the numbers, and obtain the physician's College ID number.</p> <p>Prescriptions attributed to the wrong physician can cause the following problems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A subsequent health care provider may contact the wrong physician for further information or follow-up. • A Special Authority may not be effective. • Patients restricted to one physician for Pharmacare benefits may not receive their coverage. • The wrong physician may be contacted by the College of Physicians and Surgeon to explain a prescribing pattern.

Prescription information is used for patient care, and in the CPSBC Drug Programs. Prescriptions attributed to the wrong physician can result in delays in patient care and misdirected professional inquiry or scrutiny. Your cooperation in addressing this basic professional requirement is greatly appreciated.