

Sultanate of Oman

Ministry of Health

Directorate General of Pharmaceutical Affairs
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Circular No. 28/ 2017

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Director General of Royal Hospital
Director General of Khoula Hospital
Director General of Pvt. Health Est. Affairs (to kindly arrange distribution to all Pvt. Hospitals, Clinics and Polyclinics)
Director General of Health Services in all Governorates
Hospital Director (Al Nahda Hospital / Al Massara Hospital)
The Head of Medical Services in
(SQU Hospital / Royal Oman Police / Ministry of Defence / The Diwan / The Sultan's Special Force/ Royal Guard of Oman / Royal Palace
Services / Internal Security Services/PDO/LNG Oman)
Director / Supdt. of Pharmacy & Medical Stores in all Governorate - for distribution pls.
ALL PVT. PHARMACIES, PVT. DRUG STORES & LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS

After Compliments,

**Sub: GABAPENTIN & PREGABALIN to be prescribed on Psychotropic
prescription (Green prescription)**

This has further reference to our Circulars 60/2015 dated 8.10.2015, 86/2015 dated 30.12.2015 and 1/2017 dated 1.1.2017 regarding the list of controlled non psychotropic drugs.

Please note that in order to curb the abuse and misuse of the following two drugs, which recorded a huge consumption during the last two years, it has been decided that these two drugs to be henceforth prescribed on Psychotropic Drug Prescription only (i.e. Green Prescription):

1. Gabapentin
2. Pregabalin

These two drugs will continue to remain as controlled non psychotropic drugs and all other terms and condition with regard to its import, storage, records and dispensing will remain the same as mentioned in our above circulars.

Doctors who are Specialists and/or Consultant in the following specialites can only prescribe these medicines:

1. Family Medicine
2. Neurologist
3. Endocrinologist
4. Internist
5. Orthopedics

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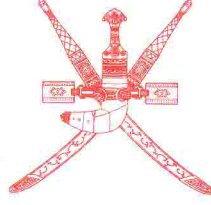
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In addition, they should also obtain the required licence from this Directorate to deal with psychotropic drugs. Similarly, Pharmacists are also required to obtain the necessary licence for the psychotropic drugs in order to dispense these medicines.

The above regulation only applies for the prescriptions to be dispensed by the private pharmacies.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Mohammed Hamdan Al Rubaie
DIRECTOR GENERAL



Cc: Director, Office of H.E. The Undersecretary for Health Affairs
Director General of Medical Supplies
Director of Rational Use of Medicines
Director of Pharmacovigilance & Drug Information Dept
Director of Drug Control Department
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Director of Central Quality Control Lab
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