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Practice Policy for Repeat Prescriptions

“Before signing a repeat prescription, a doctor must be satisfied that it is safe and appropriate to do so. Arrangements for issuing repeat prescriptions should include suitable provision for monitoring each patient’s condition.”

(‘Repeat prescriptions – take care’, GMC News 1999 Issue 5)

All patients on continuing medication will need to be reviewed regularly. This is every 6 to 12 months when taking established doses and regimes of anti-hypertensives, anti-asthmatic treatment, statins, diabetic medication, thyroid supplementation, contraceptives, HRT, etc...

Drugs newly issued will require much closer surveillance; usually on a monthly basis (3 months following a new contraceptive pill or HRT). Prescriptions for medicines taken occasionally will continue to be subject to annual review.