Spring/Summer 2018



Dear Prescriber:

Beginning in May 2018, prescribers will receive an updated version of the NSPMP duplicate prescription pad.

We've consulted nurse practitioners, dentists, physicians, and pharmacists to design a new pad format that offers user friendly prompts to facilitate clarity and accuracy in prescription writing.

What's New:

- -Larger fill-in fields and writing area
- -Prompts for product name, strength and directions
- -Fields for part-fill and interval details
- -Options for defining 'start' and 'stop' fill dates
- -Field to specify 'indication'
- -The new cardboard sleeve offers information on pad security, record retention, & pad returns

Important Tips:

- -To promote the intended use of each medication, please provide specific directions (instead of "use as directed")
- -Prescription pads cannot be shared by prescribers
- -A separate prescription form is required for each medication
- -To correct errors, strike a line through the error and initial each correction

Reminders:



-Review your patient's profile on eAccess or the DIS prior to prescribing

-Your prescriber signature and 'written date' (date of office visit) are <u>required elements</u>

It is expected that promoting prescription consistency will positively impact patient support and limit workflow interruptions by reducing the need for verbal orders and clarifications.

Please note that prescriptions written on previous pad versions will remain valid. The revised pads will be offered to all new Program registrants and distributed on an 'on-demand' basis to existing prescribers.

Thank you for being part of the prescribing community in Nova Scotia.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

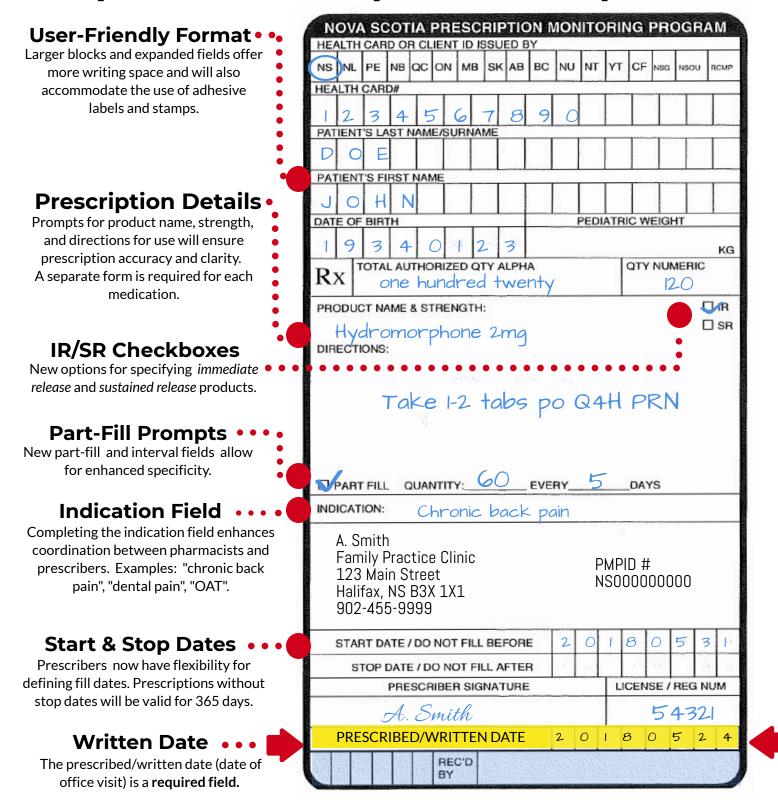
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Duplicate Prescription Pad Updates



To ensure proper processing and to reduce workflow interruptions, please complete all fields.



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