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Dear Mr Brizzi

Re: Review of Guidelines on practice-specific issues – Guideline 1 References

The Pharmacy Council has considered the consultation paper entitled "*Review of Guidelines on practice-specific issues – Guideline 1 References*" released by the Pharmacy Board of Australia and makes the following comments.

- Proposal 1. Removal of statement "For pharmacists undertaking medication reviews."
The Council agrees with the Board's proposal that this statement be removed.
- Proposal 2. It is suggested that the word "reviewing" be replaced with "consulting" in the sentence "the information is to be available to the pharmacist immediately during the dispensing, clinical assessment, *reviewing* and counselling processes." The reason being that "reviewing" is redundant as it is part of "clinical assessment".
- Proposal 3. Therapeutic Guidelines are consensus based documents and may not cover everything that is needed. Martindale is a valuable resource with regard to compounding, accessing the physico-chemical properties of drugs, and review of overseas available brands. Pharmacists should therefore be strongly encouraged to assess their need to keep this as an additional resource based on their area of practice

In the list of references to be used by pharmacists, the Council suggests that the reference "f" *paediatric pharmacopoeia* be amended to read "*a paediatric pharmacopoeia or guidelines*" .

If there is a need to clarify any aspect of this response, please contact me on (02) 9219 0284.

Yours faithfully

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