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Re: Dual Pack Registration (DPR)

Dear Pharmacist,

You will be aware of the need to code appropriately all medicinal and non drug products that are dispensed under the GMS and Community Drugs Schemes so that your claims will be correctly reimbursed. The GMS coding is an important means by which the system can identify which type of product (Proprietary Originator/Generic/Parallel Imported/Parallel Distributed/Dual Pack Registered) has actually been dispensed. Pharmacists may have noted that the first Dual Pack Registered Drug codes were assigned in the July 2010 Update.

The Irish Medicines Board introduced amended requirements for the importation of Dual Pack Registered Products to the Irish Market in March 2010. These are now labelled with a specific Dual Pack Registration (DPR) number.

It is the policy of the HSE that separate unique GMS drug codes are required for such products so that they can be traced to patient level and that the appropriate reimbursement can be made. Supervising Pharmacists should ensure that all their staff are aware of this and are vigilant in this regard.

Please be advised that, where a Pharmacist/Pharmacy dispenses a Proprietary Originator/Generic/Parallel Imported/Parallel Distributed/Dual Pack Registered product without using the appropriate drug code, or claims for one product while dispensing another, such conduct may be found to constitute a fraudulent claim against the HSE.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Burke', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Patrick Burke
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