



SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

NOTICE TO ALL REGISTRANTS OF THE SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL

PRESCRIPTION WRITING

The Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) has received multiple complaints from the general public, including pharmacists, regarding illegible prescriptions issued by certain practitioners. These illegible prescriptions have caused much confusion to patients and pharmacists and have given rise to difficulty in obtaining correct prescribed medications, thereby compromising patient safety.

In light of this issue, practitioners are reminded to strictly adhere to the guidelines set forth in the chapter titled, 'Prescription Writing and Rational Prescribing' in the ***Guidelines on Ethical Conduct for Medical and Dental Practitioners registered with the SLMC***, published by the SLMC when writing and issuing prescriptions.

Please be informed that failure to strictly adhere to the above Guidelines constitutes professional misconduct which lays the foundation to initiate disciplinary action under the Medical Disciplinary (Procedure) Regulations 1990.

BY THE ORDER OF THE SRI LANKA MEDICAL COUNCIL,

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Registrar,
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