



Guideline

Dose Administration Aids

The Board draws the attention of pharmacists to the standard applying to dose administration aids (DAA). DAAs are compartmentalised boxes or blister-pack type devices used to improve patient compliance as an aid for the administration of solid, oral medications.

The pharmacist must ensure that the medication in a DAA is in accordance with the patient's current medication regimen, is suitable for issue in a DAA, is labelled in accordance with statutory requirements and that the patient or carer is competent to independently manage the DAA.

The Board is of the opinion good pharmacy practice would dictate that a DAA would label each blister or compartment with a list the medicines contained therein (computer software is available to facilitate this) and that the expiry date of all medicines is included on the DAA.