



Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board

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Dear Ian

Consultation on revised *Endorsement for scheduled medicines registration standard and Guidelines for use of scheduled medicines*

Thank you for the further opportunity to provide comment on this consultation. The Board had only a few additional comments with respect to the registration standard and guidelines. The Board agrees with changing to classes of medications and placing a list of medicines in the guidelines. In addition, the Board agrees with the addition of “for the purposes of the practice of optometry” to the wording to appear on the Register of Optometrists.

The Board noted that there was no mention or reference to auditing of prescribed medications for either over-prescribing or prescribing of non-authorized medications in either document. The Board is confident that some form of auditing will be in place for patient and practitioner safety, and also monitoring of prescribing trends in general, but perhaps it would be helpful to make reference to these in one or both of the documents.

Please let me know if you have any queries as a result of this submission. Feel free to contact me on [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

The Board looks forward to hearing the outcome of this consultation in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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