**GP Trainee prescribing review checklist**

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| **Prescribing area** | **Areas to consider** |
| **Right Drug** | * Evidence for use in the indication
* Allergies
* Contra-indications/Cautions
* Interactions with co-prescribed medication
* Local and national prescribing guidelines
* Local formulary
* Social issues (e.g. carers, inclusion in a monitored dosage system)
* Formulation
* Duplication or omissions in therapy.
* Correct use of brand prescribing for safety reasons
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| **Right Dose** | * Renal or hepatic function
* Age / weight
* Local and national prescribing guidance (including MHRA)
* Is the dose correct for the indication?
* Has increasing or reducing dosing been done appropriately?
* Most appropriate strength of tablet prescribed for the required dose.
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| **Right Dosage Instructions** | * Clear and unambiguous (avoiding “as directed”)
* Up to date (with current usage/latest letters from secondary care)
* Include route of administration/area of application/treatment eye or ear
* Are the instructions able to be read and understood by the patient?
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| **Right Follow-up** | * Has the necessary monitoring has been planned/taken/acted upon e.g. blood tests, BP.
* Has the item been placed on repeat appropriately so that it cannot be continued without a necessary review?
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| **Right Documentation** | * Is the indication for prescribing clear?
* If prescribing does not follow normal guidance is the reason documented?
* Is the plan for any necessary monitoring or follow up documented?
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| **Right Review** | * Where the medication has been used before, has under or over-ordering been addressed before supplying (adherence to therapy)?
* Have any necessary discussions taken place before continuing medications with risks e.g. HRT?
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| **Good prescribing** | * Does prescribing show that local guidelines have been referred to e.g. antimicrobial guidelines?
* Is the prescribing plan in the notes and thought process accurate and clear for the next clinician to follow?
* Is the OTC advice that has been given very clear with regards to medication dosage and further advice?
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