**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 |
| **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. |
| **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? |
| **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? |
| **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? |
| **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? |
| **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? |