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Dear David

Readily Accessible Formulation Information Source for New Zealand Pharmacists

The Pharmacist and Therapeutics SIG of the Paediatric Society of New Zealand met via video-conference on 15th September 2015. At this meeting we discussed the availability of standardised oral formulations for liquid medicines. Currently these are available on the Pharminfotech website only.

On behalf of this group, we would like you to consider if these standardised formulations for extemporaneous compounding could be available via the New Zealand Formulary (NZF) and New Zealand Formulary for Children (NZFc) drug monographs which already link to the PHARMAC schedule. This is our preferred source of formulation information and standardised compounding batch sheets. This would enable pharmacists and technicians to access both drug dosing information and formulation information from one place. It would be preferable if the information around funding of these formulations was also linked here. We have often found that community pharmacies are unaware of where to look for these formulas and this has resulted in inappropriate compounding of oral liquid formulations that have inconsistent strengths with lack of stability data. If you agree to attach the standardised formulation batch sheets or the link to the Pharminfotech site on the NZFc and NZF drug monographs, we could then also pursue how best to ensure all pharmacists, hospital and community-based, are made aware of this.

We would like your team to consider our feedback and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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