

## Prescription Requirements for Controlled Drugs:

- **The entire prescription is written in the doctor's own handwriting**
- **The patient's name and address** – A printed label is not acceptable
- **The drug name**
- **The pharmaceutical form** – e.g. tablets, MR tablets (modified release), mixture, ampoule, transdermal patch.
- **The strength** e.g. 30mg, 10mg/5ml, 50microgram/hour.
- **The dose** e.g. 1 bd, 1ml qds
- **The total quantity of the preparation to be supplied in both words and figures** – e.g 14 (fourteen) tablets, 200ml (two hundred) ml, or 3 (three) patches. This is the total quantity of the preparation not the active ingredient.
- **Signed** with a full signature
- **Dated**

These are legal requirements of the Misuse of Drug Regulations (1985).

It is therefore an offence for both the doctor to issue, and the pharmacist to dispense an incomplete prescription.

We would appreciate your help in complying with these regulations as it will save time for medical staff, pharmacists and patients alike.