

Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

PUBLIC NOTICE

Rational prescription of drugs and use of "Generic Names" as against brand names has been an issue in medical profession for some time. Accordingly, a clause is in Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 which reads as under:-

1.5 Use of Generic names of drugs: *"Every physician should, as far as possible, prescribe drugs with generic names and he / she shall ensure that there is a rational prescription and use of drugs."*

The matter was considered in consultation with Medical Council of India (MCI) as well as Indian Medical Association (IMA) and the following formulation has been proposed:

"Every physician should prescribe drugs with generic names legibly and preferably in capital letters and he/she shall ensure that there is a rational prescription and use of drugs."

General Public is hereby requested to send suggestions/feedback in respect of proposed formulation. Suggestions may be furnished to ali.rizvi@nic.in by 17.08.2015.



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