

Appendix 2 - Codes

Error Codes

Group A Errors

Incorrect label:

Drug name - A
Drug form - B
Drug strength - C
Patient name/bag label - D
Directions - E
Missing/inappropriate warnings - F
Quantity – G (includes repeats information missing)

Incorrect contents:

Drug - H
Drug form - I
Drug strength - J
Quantity - K
Expired contents - L

Other:

Missing or incorrect CAL - M
Missing medication - N
Missing clinical assessment– O
Missing item sundry - Oa

Group B Errors

Incorrect label:

Cost code/ Ward (if required) - P
Batch number (if required) - Q
Spelling/grammar - R
Missing or incorrect additional warnings - S
Incorrect expiry date assigned - T

Other:

Incorrect container or closure - U
Missing necessary device (e.g. syringe) - V
Missing owing information – W
Missing Checking Signature – X
Incorrect prescriber, patient address – Y

Incorrect quantity as per in-house policy for ward use (HOSPITAL ONLY) (e.g. 5 days supply instead of 3 days supply) - Z

Hospital Prescription Codes

Prescription Type

I-Inpatient
O-Outpatient
TTO- Discharge

Specialty Code

1. Surgical
2. Medical
3. Paediatric
4. Eyes/ENT
5. Chemotherapy
6. Mental Health
7. HIV
8. Private prescriptions
9. Clinical Trials
10. Miscellaneous

NOTES

- Sometimes you might need to assign more than one code to an error (e.g. Wrong quantity on label and contents: code A (G & K))
- If you are unsure what code to assign, please contact a PSNZ PACT Pharmacist.