POL-2  Prescription by Generic Names Policy  Nartiang PHC

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A. **Purpose:** To provide guideline instruction for ensuring that drug name should be written in generic name for the patient.

B. **Scope:** Hospital OPD and IPD specially by Doctors

C. **Policy:**

- The drugs prescribed to the patient should be in generic name
- Any drug if antibiotic, antihistamine, hypertensive, or any kind of drug should be written in generic name like Paracetamol 500mg bid for 2 days not like brand name 500mg
- Medication order should be clear and Readable form not in running hand for easy understanding to the staff and pharmacist
- There should be regular interval of audit for prescription i.e. Prescription Audit
- Medication order should have Date and time mentioned on the OPD slip and Indoor Bed Head Ticket
- Route, dosage & frequency is also mentioned on the OPD slip and Indoor Bed Head Ticket
- Drug should be relevant to the disease and condition
- Prescription and medication order should be signed and named.
- Staff should have to write medicine in generic name for medicines if writing on different paper for providing medicine from outside or inside the hospital
- Pharmacist should have to inform to the concerning doctor and staff if writing in an brand name for follow up of policy

D. **Reference Documents:**

1. Govt. of Meghalaya Office Memorandum No. Health 81/2016/86 dated 27th March 2017, “Instruction to prescribe drugs with generic names”