

# NURSE PRESCRIPTIONS

(See part 8B and 8C of the Drug Tariff)

Considerable confusion can occur around the different types of nurse prescriber. Please remember that ordinary nurse prescribers are restricted to items in Part 8B of the Drug Tariff.

Scripts issued by an 'ordinary nurse prescriber' will have an alpha code plus the wording: DN/HV (now Community Practitioner Nurse) prescriber. From 30 April 2007 the extended nurse formulary has been discontinued and from 1 May 2007 nurse independent prescribers are able to prescribe any licensed medicine for any medical condition including some controlled drugs as listed in Part 8C of the DT.

Scripts issued by this type of nurse will have an alpha code plus the wording: EFNP/Supplementary (now Nurse Independent /Supplementary) prescriber.

Nurses are required to prescribe generically, except where this would not be clinically appropriate or where there is no approved generic name.

Items in parts 2 and 3 of the Drug Tariff which may **not** be prescribed by nurses are prefixed by the symbol **Nx**

e.g Atomisers

Incontinence Pads

Insulin Re-usable pens and needles

Polythene Occlusive Dressings

Tracheostomy and Laryngectomy Appliances

Trusses