NZMA Pharmacy Level 5

**Week 24 - Introduction to Dispensing: Challenge Activity**

Answer the following questions and save this document as a learning resource.

1. What must you do as a pharmacy technician if a moderate to severe interaction between two or more medicines is identified during the processing process?

1. Can a doctor from England prescribe enalapril for themselves while in New Zealand on holiday? Why/why not?

1. Can a visitor from Vietnam receive subsidised prescriptions?  
   Why/why not?
2. Describe what annotating is and why pharmacy staff might annotate a prescription.
3. What should the designated space for dispensing medications look like? (Think about how the space is organised.)
4. List what information must legally appear on a medicine label.

1. How should a medicine label be attached to a medicine product? Provide at least six key points.
   1. *Key point*
   2. *Key point*
   3. *Key point*
   4. *Key point*
   5. *Key point*
   6. *Key point*
2. What do the letters CAL stand for, and what is the purpose of a CAL?

1. When attaching a CAL to dispensed medicines, what must you consider about its placement?

1. The medicine you are dispensing for John Snow has CAL #2 attached to it. Explain to John what this CAL means so that he can safely and effectively take his prescribed medication.

1. Sissy Smith comes into the pharmacy looking for an OTC antihistamine. She asks you why the medications have two names. How would you explain this to Sissy?

1. When must you place a “Swallow whole, do not crush or chew” label on a medicine?
2. what is an important cautionary label to put on any cream?

1. What cautionary label/s must you place for a prescription for Augmentin suspension 250mg/5ml?

1. Dave Davidson receives a prescription for metronidazole. He asks you if he can go out drinking that night after starting his prescription. What is your response?

1. Marika Souros has been prescribed a Ventolin inhaler. Explain to Marika why it is important to shake her inhaler before use.

1. What strategies can you use when you are counting out tablets from stock to dispense to make sure you count correctly?
2. Explain what factors you will consider when you are repackaging medicines from stock for dispensing to the customer.

1. When must safety containers be used to store medicines?

1. Name three ways to avoid a dispensary error from occurring.

1. What resource can pharmacy staff use to locate the subsidised brand of medicine, **excluding** Toniq/Rx One dispensary software?
2. What is the purpose of child restraint packaging on medicines?

1. What types of containers can you select for dispensing oral tablets into for patient use?
2. What types of pharmaceutical products should be individually wrapped in foil or plastic and dispensed in a skillet?
3. Before handing over a prescription to a patient, how will you confirm you are handing the correct medicines to the correct person?