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HA implements further enhancement for drug dispensing service

The Hospital Authority (HA) announced today (June 27) that the drug dispensing arrangement will have a further enhancement. Selected medications prescribed for "as needed" use will be dispensed with a maximum of eight weeks' supply, effective from July 3. The selected medications under the new measure are mainly for symptomatic relief of episodic illnesses including laxatives, medications to loosen sputum, topical preparations for bruises and pain (see attachment for details).

The Chief Pharmacist of the HA, Mr William Chui, expressed hope that the new arrangement will further reduce medication wastage. "Many patients may stockpile medications at home, particularly medications to be used 'as needed'. The selected medications under this new measure are prone to overstocking and wastage. We hope that this new arrangement will reduce medication stockpiling and avoid wastage, leading to more efficient use of medication resources," he said.

The HA has already launched the first phase of New Arrangement for Drug Dispensing Service, where patients will be dispensed with a maximum of 24 weeks' medication at a time. Drug refills will be arranged for prescriptions exceeding 24 weeks. Under this second phase of the new measures, the list of selected "as needed" medications will be regularly reviewed and updated as necessary. The public can visit the HA website for the latest details on the new arrangement for the drug dispensing service.

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配發藥物新措施

New Arrangement for Drug Dispensing Service



醫院管理局
HOSPITAL
AUTHORITY

第2階段 Second Phase

由2025年7月3日起
Starting from 3 July 2025

如醫生處方以下**指定藥物**為
「有需要時服用」，藥劑部只配發為期

When **selected medications** are prescribed for **“As Needed”**
use by doctors, the Pharmacy Department will dispense

最多
maximum
of

8 星期
的藥物數量
Weeks
supply

新措施下的**指定藥物** Medications Under This New Arrangement (最後更新: 2025年7月3日 Last updated: 3 July 2025)

藥物類別 Medication Category	相關描述 Relevant Description	藥物名稱 (藥物標籤上顯示之英文藥名) Medication Name (as shown on dispensing label)
口服 Oral	中和胃酸藥 Antacid	GAVISCON (OR EQUIV) PEPPERMINT CHEW TAB EXTRA STRENGTH 500
		GAVISCON (OR EQUIV) SUSPENSION
	通便藥 Laxative	AGIOLAX (OR EQUIV) GRANULES 250G
		LACTULOSE LIQUID
		METAMUCIL (OR EQUIV) ORIGINAL TEXTURE, ORANGE GRANULES 528G
	化痰劑 To loosen sputum	ACETYLCYSTEINE (SUGAR-FREE) GRANULES 100MG/SACHET
		ACETYLCYSTEINE (SUGAR-FREE) GRANULES 200MG/SACHET
皮膚外用 Topical - skin	去瘀用 For bruises	HEPARINOID CREAM 14G
	止痛用 For pain	METHYL SALICYLATE COMPOUND OINTMENT 20G
	止癢用 To relieve itching	CROTAMITON CREAM 10% 20G
		CROTAMITON CREAM 10% 60G
其他外用 External	痔瘡用 For piles (haemorrhoids)	ANUSOL (OR EQUIV) OINTMENT 25G
		ANUSOL (OR EQUIV) RECTAL SUPPOSITORY
	人工淚液 Artificial Tears	SYSTANE ULTRA (OR EQUIV) EYE DROPS 10ML