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**To: All Medical & Dental Physicians.**

**Subject: Medication name in the medicine prescriptions**

Dear All,

NHRA would like to raise your attention that when prescribing medicines by you with trade names in the prescription, the pharmacy doesn't dispense another generic that has the same active ingredient, if the prescribed trade name is not available. Please be aware that you should write medicine prescriptions stating the active pharmaceutical ingredient name (generic name) in order for the pharmacy to have more options for dispensing and avoid any misunderstanding about the product not being available in Bahrain.

Moreover, writing prescriptions with active pharmaceutical ingredient name will be mandatory once the national health insurance will be implanted.

Appreciate your cooperation.



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