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FDA issues guidelines for the use of electronic drug prescriptions for vulnerable persons



WHAT DOES IT MEAN:

Vulnerable individuals like Senior Citizens, persons with Disability, patients with chronic illness, and patients with weakened immune systems can have electronic prescription of their medicines. Pharmacy and drugstores will honor and dispense medicines based on the e-prescription.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

If you are among the vulnerable patients, you may ask for an electronic prescription from your doctor. There is no need for you to go to an appointment and refill your medicines.

Guidelines on the Dispense of Medicines Pursuant to an Electronic Prescription

1. All Drugstore/Pharmacy/Botica and similar outlets shall recognize the validity and effectivity of the electronic prescription issued by the licensed physician. Prescription containing Anti-biotic, Anti-infectives, and/or Anti-viral preparations shall only be valid for one (1) week after its issuance.
2. All Drugstore/Pharmacy/Botica and similar outlets shall strictly dispense drugs as prescribed by the electronic prescription and the latter shall be deemed equivalent to a written prescription for all intents and purposes.
3. All Drugstore/Pharmacy/Botica and similar outlets shall not require the actual presence of the individual vulnerable to COVID-19 before dispensing the needed drugs. A duly authorized representative may purchase the said drugs on behalf of the latter.



In the event that the patient is a Senior Citizen (SC) and/or Persons with Disability (PWD), the following should be presented together with the electronic prescription prior to the dispensing of the needed drugs:

- a) A letter of authorization duly signed by the concerned individual; and
- b) Identification card of the SC and/or PWD

You may read the full circular at:

<https://www.fda.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FDA-Circular-No.-2020-007.pdf>

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