



File 454 Circular 19/04

PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE

Reminder : Prescribing Sodium Fluoride Toothpaste

This is a reminder to colleagues about the prescribing of this product on States prescriptions.

The legal position is that a maximum of 28 days' supply of a product may be prescribed per prescription. I would expect that one , or at the very most two tubes, would be adequate for one month's use. An audit has shown that several prescriptions for three or more tubes have been dispensed in the latest month for which we have data.

Please can all prescribers ensure that an absolute maximum of two tubes is prescribed per prescription. I have had concerns expressed that some dental practices may have pre-printed prescriptions for three or four tubes. If so please can the current forms be amended before they are given to patients. Please can you ensure that any pre-printed forms in future are for ideally one , or an absolute maximum of two tubes.

Thank you in advance for your kind co-operation with this matter.



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