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Dear Mukesh

The Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation has been established as an autonomous agency to procure and supply medicines, hospital requirements and items related to health care delivery in the State. This is in compliance of the particular budget announcement for the year 2011-12, to provide commonly used essential medicines free to all patients visiting health care institutions with effect from October 2nd, 2011.

The Corporation will procure only generic medicines and only by their generic names. It is being stressed that medicines prescribed to patients attending Government hospitals across the State should be by generic name only and not by brand/trade names. However, we observe that efforts made in this context have yielded barely any results. There is a universal complaint that medicines that are costlier are prescribed by brand name and many a time are not available with ConFed/Lifeline medical shops. This is indeed a matter of concern as it causes not only inconvenience to the patients but also substantially increases the out of pocket expenditure on medicines.

The poor compliance of circulars issued from time to time on the subject has been viewed seriously by the Department. May I again reiterate that all prescriptions in future should, in provisional/final diagnosis, be in 'Generic/Pharmacopeia' name and preferably out of EML, in the spirit of the announcement.

Could you direct all the P&Cs of the Medical Colleges and Superintendents of attached hospitals for effective implementation of the above and to monitor it through surprise prescription audits. Non-compliance must be addressed, immediately and defaulters dealt with



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firmly. In cases where medicines are to be prescribed outside EML, proper justification is to be made out on record by the prescribing doctor.

The subject is to be accorded top priority and implemented effectively.

with regard-

Yours sincerely,

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