

WRITING SUB-TEST – TEST BOOKLET

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

You must write your answer for the Writing sub-test in the **Writing Answer Booklet**.

You must **NOT** remove OET material from the test room.

Occupational English Test

WRITING SUB-TEST: PHARMACY

TIME ALLOWED: READING TIME: 5 MINUTES

WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

Read the case notes and complete the writing task which follows.

Notes:

Assume that today's date is 30 August 2019.

You are a pharmacist at Newtown Hospital. Mrs Paloma is undergoing chemotherapy and radiotherapy for breast cancer.

PATIENT DETAILS:

Name: Mrs May Paloma
DOB: 11 Apr 1993
Address: 81 Wind Street, Newtown

Social history: Married – husband (Mr Luke Paloma)

Medication history:

24 Apr 2019	Ondansetron (Zofran) 4mg for nausea
26 May 2019	Zofran 4mg repeat
25 Jun 19	Imodium 2mg (loperamide) for gastroenteritis
27 Jul 2019	Zofran 4mg repeat
	Oxazepam (Serepax) 15mg for anxiety/difficulty sleeping
30 Aug 2019	Serepax 15mg repeat
	Diphenhydramine (Unisom Sleepgels) 50mg for difficulty sleeping

Prescribing doctors:

General Practitioner (GP)

Dr Paul de Luc (GP)
Newtown Medical Clinic, 92 Green Street, Newtown

Oncologist

Dr June Windslow
Newtown Hospital, 613 Main Street, Newtown

Allergies: Eggs

Treatment Record

24 Apr 2019

Prescription Zofran 4mg prescribed by Dr Windslow (Oncologist)
Directions: Take ONE three times daily for 1-2 days after chemotherapy
Pt advised to contact prescribing Dr if:

- continues to vomit after taking the antiemetic
- vomits 4-5 times in 24 hour period
- has pain in stomach before nausea & vomiting occurs

26 May 2019

Zofran repeat

- 24 Jun 2019** Client called Pharmacy Department still experiencing vomiting 24hrs after chemotherapy treatment – wants recommendations for another antiemetic
Advice given: vomiting may be caused by other reasons – client to contact Dr de Luc (GP)
- 24 Jun 2019** Prescription Imodium 2mg by GP for gastroenteritis – the cause of vomiting
- 26 June 2019** Client returned to Pharmacy Department. Asked about side effects of Imodium and chemotherapy. Wants to cease Imodium
Symptoms: dry mouth, gas
Advice given: keep up fluids
Imodium was ceased
- 27 Jul 2019** Zofran 4mg repeat
New medication added by oncologist: Serepax 15mg for anxiety and difficulty sleeping
Directions: Take 1 tablet 3x/day
- 30 Aug 2019** Serepax 15mg (from oncologist) repeated
New prescription (from GP - Dr de Luc): Unisom Sleepgels 50mg – client still not sleeping despite taking Serepax, went to GP for medication – did not tell GP about Serepax
Discussions with client:
- potential for interaction between Serepax/Unisom → increased side effects e.g., dizziness, drowsiness, confusion & difficulty concentrating
 - suggested client see oncologist again
 - client requested I write to oncologist
- Script for Unisom not dispensed
- Plan:** Letter to oncologist re Serepax not working effectively and risk of interaction with Unisom

Writing Task:

Using the information provided in the case notes, write a letter to Mrs Paloma's oncologist, Dr Windslow, suggesting a review of the client's current medication regime. Address the letter to Dr June Windslow, Newtown Hospital, 613 Main Street, Newtown.

In your answer:

- **Expand the relevant notes into complete sentences**
- **Do not use note form**
- **Use letter format**

The body of the letter should be approximately 180–200 words.

Any answers recorded here will not be marked.

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Occupational English Test**WRITING SUB-TEST: PHARMACY****SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER**

Dr June Windslow
Newtown Hospital
613 Main Street
Newtown

30 August 2019

Dear Dr Windslow

Re: Mrs May Paloma
DOB: 11.04.1993

Mrs Paloma is a current patient of yours with breast cancer and associated anxiety. Dr de Luca, her regular GP, is also managing her care. I am writing to recommend you undertake a review of Mrs Paloma's current medications.

Mrs Paloma takes ondansetron (Zofran) 4mg for nausea following chemotherapy, which is working well. On 24 June she was prescribed Imodium 2mg by her GP for a bout of gastroenteritis. This caused her to experience side effects of dry mouth and gas. I advised her to ensure she kept up her fluids. She ceased the Imodium.

On 27 July you prescribed oxazepam (Serepax) 15mg for Mrs Paloma's anxiety and difficulty sleeping. Today, when she returned for a repeat prescription of Serepax, she also presented me with a new prescription from her GP for diphenhydramine (Unisom Sleepgels) 50mg. When questioned, she admitted that she did not mention to her GP that she was taking Serepax, which she reports is not working properly.

I advised Mrs Paloma of the potential risk of a drug interaction between Serepax and Unisom. Instead of dispensing the Unisom, I have referred her back to you for a medication review.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Pharmacist