



# ***Nurse and Midwife Medicinal Product Prescribing Toolkit***

Sample Audit Tool  
(Appropriateness of Medication  
Index)

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This audit tool is to be used to retrospectively audit registered nurse/midwife prescribers (RN/MP) appropriateness of medicinal product prescribing. It is recommended to have input from members of the multidisciplinary team.

## Methodology

<b>Population:</b>	RN/MP prescription and associated documentation
<b>Sampling:</b>	Ten prescriptions and associated documents should be selected or more if required
<b>Frequency of Audit:</b>	As determined by health service providers audit process for prescribing practice and medicine management.
<b>Method:</b>	This is a retrospective audit

## Part 1: Demographic Details

Name of RN/MP:	
Personal Identification Number (NMBI):	
Work Address:	
Area of Practice:	
Date of Audit:	
Audit Type:	Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> 6 monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Post incident <input type="checkbox"/> If other please state _____
Audited by:	Signed by:

## Part 2: Sample Audit Tool

### Appropriateness of Medication Index<sup>1</sup>

	Indicated	Not Indicated	Comment
Is there an indication for the medication?			
Is the medication effective for the condition?			
Is the dosage correct?			
Are the directions correct?			
Are the directions practical?			
Are there clinically significant medication interactions?			
Are there clinically significant medication disease/condition interactions?			
Is there unnecessary duplication with other medication/s?			
Is the duration of therapy acceptable?			

<sup>1</sup> Source: Drennan, J., Naughton, C., Allen, D., Hyde, A., Felle, P., O'Boyle, K., Tracey, P., Butler, M. (2009) Independent Evaluation of the Nurse and Midwife Prescribing Initiative, Dublin City University: Dublin

### Calculation of Compliance Rate Percentage

The audit tool calculates the score for the audit. The score, expressed as a percentage, is calculated by dividing the number of "yes" answers by the total of "yes" and "no" answers.

#### Example:

If there are 7 "yes" and 2 "no" answers, the score is calculated as follows:

7 (yes answers) divided by 9 (total of yes and no answers) multiplied by 100.

The score in this example would be **77.77%**