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Hi,

I wanted to provide feedback on the proposed change to the guidelines on references available to pharmacists. I'm in full support of the removal of "for pharmacists undertaking medication reviews" as well as substituting Martindale with Therapeutic Guidelines (the latter is a much more useful, relevant and valuable resource).

I'd also like to suggest a review of the references available for complementary / alternate medicines. Resources such as eMIMS are practically useless in practice as they're non-specific and provide very limited information on complementary / alternate medicines. The board should enforce the availability of resources specific to such medicines (e.g. Herbs and Natural Supplements: An evidence based guide. Braun and Cohen; or Herbal Medicines. Barnes, Anderson and Phillipson). Efficacy and interaction questions regarding complementary medicines are extremely common and inaccessibility to specific quality references hampers the ability to provide evidence-based information.

I'm aware that the deadline for feedback was 27th of May. I thought I'd send it anyway.

Yours sincerely,  
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