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Subject: Feedback - Review of Guidelines on practice specific issues - Guidelines 1 reference
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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals summarised in your document "Review of Guidelines on practice-specific issues – Guideline 1 References".

1. Removal of statement "For pharmacists undertaking medication reviews"
Full support
2. Insertion of additional paragraph (as per document)
Full support
3. Amended list of references
 - Full support in the recommendation for pharmacists to have access to Therapeutic Guidelines, eTG or equiv, but suggest inclusion of the words "**full set of**" prior to Therapeutic Guidelines.
 - Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference – there may be some initial separation anxiety in the removal of this pharmacy icon from the list of required texts by many colleagues, but I am supportive 'in-principle' of this suggestion BUT there is a comment I wish to make.
 - Apart from (sections of) the APF, the removal of Martindale leaves no mandated reference text for compatibilities and stability data for extemporaneous compounding. More so in my environment of hospital pharmacy, our production staff and quality control staff rely heavily on this text for such data when receiving requests for individual patient use of non-standard items. While the new recommendations will not preclude us from purchasing this text in any case, my concern is that my community compounding colleagues may feel it is not necessary to have 'a' reference texts while carrying on such business. As such I ask the Board to consider this potential dilemma.

Kind regards

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