



Royal  
Pharmaceutical  
Society  
of Great Britain

## **Consultation on amendments to *Professional standards and guidance for the sale and supply of medicines*:**

### **De-blistering of medicines**

#### **Background**

Principle 1 of the Code of Ethics for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians states that you must make the care of patients your first concern. In complying with this principle pharmacists must be satisfied as to the integrity and quality of products to be supplied to patients.

In moving to a principle based Code it was intended that Code does not contain detailed technical guidance, but acts as the core document from which further standards and guidance can be developed. This would enable the Society to target detailed professional requirements more specifically and make it easier for us to ensure that these requirements keep pace with the fast moving changes in practice.

*Professional standards and guidance for the sale and supply of medicines* states that you must ensure all stock of medicines in the pharmacy have batch and expiry details. Medicines must be removed from blister or foil packs only at the time of dispensing to assist an individual patient.

Due to the development of new technologies, such as robotic dispensing, the Society is considering amendments to the above standard to enable the de-blistering of medicines in advance of supply to the patient. Further guidance would need to be developed to support any changes.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain would like to hear your views on the questions set out in the questionnaire on these proposed amendments.

The questionnaire is available both online and as a pdf.

Completed questionnaire forms should be sent to Priya Sejjal, RPSGB, 1 Lambeth High Street London SE1 7JN (e-mail [priya.sejjal@rpsgb.org](mailto:priya.sejjal@rpsgb.org)), to arrive by **20 June 2008**.