

HMO Orientation

Prescribing

- All Doctors in Victoria require a Prescriber number.
- Monash has a number of useful resources to ensure safe prescribing.

Prescriber numbers

A prescriber number allows you to prescribe government subsidised medications. You will not be able to complete discharge prescriptions without this.

Go to Services Australia, <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/forms/hw019>, to download and complete the application form.

Prescriber numbers can take weeks to arrive. Apply as early as possible to minimise the delay.

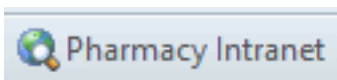
At the same time you will apply for Provider numbers – you will receive a number specific to you for each site that you work at. You require a provider number every time you order an investigation.

Resources available

1. Monash has many resources to help you with safe prescribing. Open the Pharmacy webpage in the Clinical Portal on any Monash computer.



2. You can also access the pharmacy webpage from EMR, where you will be viewing your patient chart and ordering medications.



Medication reference links

Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH)

AMH Children's Dosing Companion

MIMS

Therapeutic Guidelines

Clinicians Health Channel

Australian Injectable Drugs Handbook

3. Australian Medicines Handbook is useful to check a specific medication's dosages, side effects, interactions, etc.
4. The Therapeutic Guidelines are useful to research current best practice management of medical conditions.



- They are also available directly from any Monash desktop.

5. Download the eTG Complete app on your phone. Obtain a token to log in on the library webpage.

- *From home:* Got to the Employees section of the Monash Health website. <https://monashhealth.org/employees/>
- *From Monash:* Go to Non-Clinical Services within the Monash intranet and scroll down to Library.

