

Consultation on draft guidelines for safe Chinese herbal medicine practice

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Responses to consultation questions

Please provide your feedback as a Word document (not PDF) by email to chinesemedicineconsultation@ahpra.gov.au by close of business on Wednesday, 23 July 2014.

Stakeholder Details

If you wish to include background information about your organisation please provide this as a separate word document (not PDF).

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Your responses to consultation questions

<p>Guidelines for safe Chinese herbal medicine practice</p> <p><i>Please provide your responses to any or all questions in the blank boxes below</i></p>
<p>1. Do you agree that these guidelines apply to all medicines prescribed and/or dispensed by Chinese medicine practitioners?</p> <p>No, I do not agree with the draft guideline as it is. I strongly suggest to use with Pinyin and Chinese characters, and with the pharmaceutical name or botanical name in addition only under the circumstances of different herbs with same pinyin, but different Chinese characters.</p>
<p>2. TGA nomenclature guidelines require the botanical name to be used for herbal products in <i>manufactured medicines</i>. <i>Pinyin and/or Chinese characters are more commonly used for Chinese herbal medicine prescription writing and dispensing</i>. The use of Chinese characters alone makes it difficult for patients and other health practitioners to understand what medicine the patient is taking. For Chinese herbal medicine prescription writing, do you agree that pinyin or the pharmaceutical name should be used as an alternative to the botanical name, with the addition of Chinese characters where necessary?</p> <p>Is this guideline practical to implement? If you disagree, what alternatives do you suggest?</p> <p>I agree that pinyin with the addition of Chinese characters should be used at all times as an alternative to or the pharmaceutical name and the botanical name. With the convenience of communicating technology, it is very easy for patients and other health practitioners if the labelling and prescription are in consistence ie with Pinyin and Chinese characters, and with botanical name in addition only under the circumstances</p>