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Implementation of New Drug Act

To All GMOA Branch Secretaries,

As you are well aware a new drug act (National Medicine Regulatory Authority Act No5. Of 2015) was passed in parliament recently & is now under implementation .

While appreciating the effort made by the government to implement a new drug act. GMOA Executive committee observes that there are certain clauses within this act that should be discussed further.

Some of the observations are listed below.

01. Need to obtain a license from the drug authority to store drugs even in private practice.
02. Genetic name of the medicine should be written in every prescription. In addition to that medical practitioner can write a particular brand name if required.
03. Even if brand name is written pharmacist can decide on the brand of the medicine he is going to sell after informing the customer (based on availability & affordability)
04. In addition to the punishment up to 200000/- & imprisonment up to 3 years. Court may order to publish an apology in a front page of a newspaper.

We have already initiated discussions with Hon. Minister of Health regarding the issue and a report is being prepared. GMOA executive committee would appreciate if your branch union would study this new drug act further (which is available in www.gmoa.lk) & sent your observations before 28th September 2015

Thank You

Yours faithfully

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Secretary