

Questions and Answers regarding partnership between Local Public Health Departments and Retail Pharmacy dispensing of SNS supplied Tamiflu® and Relenza®

- Q1 Can LHD distribute information to patients regarding compounding of Tamiflu 75mg capsules into liquid formulation for either pediatric use or for those who can't swallow a capsule?
- A1 No. Unless the information is included in the original FDA approved package insert, or included in an FDA authorized EUA, LHD cannot recommend or distribute this type of information.
- Q2 Can a retail pharmacy compound SNS provided Tamiflu 75mg capsules into a liquid for pediatric or otherwise needed use?
- A2 Yes. Even though it is SNS provided assets, retail pharmacy can compound this product using the information provided in Tamiflu FDA approved package insert.
- Q3 Can a retail pharmacy provide information to a patient that gives recommendations on how to make a daily mixture of Tamiflu, using SNS provided medication?
- A3 No. This is not an FDA approved, or EUA approved recommendation, so cannot be used outside of the traditional Dr.-patient-pharmacy relationship. If a patient was to visit their regular primary physician, this information could then be recommended to them. If a patient cannot swallow a capsule, they can be directed to open and mix with sweetened liquids such as regular or sugar free chocolate syrup, at the time of administration per FDA EUA guidelines.
- Q4 Are LHD's required to provide the patient with a copy of the Health and History Form?
- A4 No. Health and History form, or copy of Health and History form should be retained by LHD. Unless Health and History form is also being used as the written prescription for patient to take to pharmacy. Original copy can be given to patient, and copy retained by LHD.
- Q5 Will retail pharmacies be required to track lot number of all dispensed product from their location?
- A5 Yes. They should be provided the recommended tracking log, and a fax number or contact information to send it to when completed, or when requested.
- Q6 Does the Pharmacy need any type of release form from the Doctors office in order to dispense antivirals to patients?
- A6 No. The Pharmacy may dispense under two scenarios. Either through delegation of authority to dispense under Local Health Jurisdiction Antiviral Standing Orders, or a traditional written and physician signed prescription. It is up to each

Local Health Department to determine which mode of prescribing that they feel will be most efficient and effective for them.

Q7 Is there a company that will exchange our short-dated Tamiflu® for product with a longer shelf life?

A7 Not that we are aware of. This is not a common practice in the pharmaceutical supply chain system. OPHP does not recommend exchanging SNS provided medication with medication from another source at this time.

Q8 How do I track Tamiflu® lot numbers if only a partial box is used for compounding a liquid formulation?

A8 The tracking sheet will have a column added to it requesting pharmacies to indicate that the prescription was compounded

Q9 The EUA issued by the FDA on April 27th suspended the Federal prescription labeling requirements. Does this mean I do not have to label any dispensed Tamiflu® or Relenza®?

A9 No. Only the Federal labeling laws were suspended. The State of Michigan prescription labeling laws are still in place.

Q10 Does OPHP have the expiration dates for future antivirals to be shipped?

A10 No. The CDC has requested that all short dated assets be sent out first, but it is not possible to anticipate ahead of time what dating will be on the exact product that you are going to receive.

Q11 Is LHD required to track patient name, address, birth date, and lot number for each prescription?

A11 Yes. It is expected that LHD would have at least this much documentation for each patient that they recommend antiviral therapy for. Patient name, address, city, state, zip, birth date, and lot# must also be tracked by dispensing pharmacy on SNS Patient Tracking Sheet provided by LHD.

Q12 Is a Pharmacy Order Form Template Available?

A12 Yes. But the Pharmacy should also call to confirm the request. Individual pharmacy usage and inventory can also be tracked by consistent reporting on SNS Patient Tracking Sheet provided by their LHD.

Q13 How many Rotadisks are in one Relenza Rotadisk®

A13 There are five Rotadisks for one Diskhaler. This is a total of twenty 5mg capsules, four capsules per Rotadisk. There are five days worth of treatment or ten days worth of prophylaxis for each course of Relenza ®.