1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide a list of medications physicians have the privilege to prescribe within their scope of practice, in relation to their specialty and sub-specialty.

2.0 DEFINITION

2.1 Drug Eligibility: Are those drugs that the Pharmacy & Therapeutic Committee has directed to be dispensed only on the prescription of certain physicians and/or only for specific indications.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 The Pharmacist: is responsible for verifying the eligibility of the prescription received, and checking the eligibility of the prescribed drug for the appropriate indications.

3.2 The Physician: To adhere to his/her prescribing privileges.

4.0 CROSS REFERENCES POLICY

4.1 Physician’s Prescribing Privileges List

5.0 POLICY

5.1 The pharmacy has a list containing physicians prescribing privileges, and should be updated every year and whenever a new medical staff joins.

4.2 The list should be available to the pharmacy staff in each drug dispensing area.

4.3 The pharmacy staff should be aware of the list.

4.4 The Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee may give certain formulary drugs a “restricted status” to certain specialty because of their unique nature and/or high cost.
4.5 The restrictions are listed for inpatient and for outpatient pharmacies and in the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee (P&T) meeting minutes.

4.6 For those restricted drugs that are prescribed for a finite number of days, the pharmacy personnel will issue the total quantity required for one course of therapy.

4.7 Certain drugs have strict prescribing restrictions detailing how drugs are to be ordered and by which medical service. For example Amphotericin B Liposomal is restricted to Infectious Disease and Intensivists.

4.8 Physicians are expected to specify on the prescription the indication for which the restricted drug is being used.

6.0 PROCEDURE

6.1 The Pharmacy Staff has to follow the policy guidelines to ensure the adherence of physicians to their privileges when prescribing medications.

6.2 The general rule of MOH is that Physician should prescribe medicines that are within their scope of specialty/practice.

6.3 The Pharmacist shall verify the eligibility of the prescription received:

   6.3.1 He / She will check that the physician has the prescribing authority as per the privilege list in inpatient/outpatient pharmacy (See attached Physician’s Prescribing Privileges List).

   6.3.2 He / She will check that the drug is being prescribed for the appropriate indications.

6.4 If there is any problem with eligibility the pharmacist will clarify the matter with the physician who wrote the prescription.

6.5 If there is any conflict with the physician, the pharmacist will contact the head of pharmacy.

6.6 The head of pharmacy will contact the physician or his/her head of department trying to resolve the conflict.

6.7 Finally the pharmacy director shall, if necessary, discuss the matter with the appropriate committee (e.g. Pharmacy & Therapeutic Committee and/or Quality Management Committee).

7.0 FORMS

7.1 N\A

8.0 EQUIPMENT

8.1 N\A

9.0 REFERENCES