

As a GP (35years) I can assert that a major cause of potential confusion caused by "Government forms" and brochures of all types is the absence of a clearly marked date of printing.

This finds its worst expression with immunisation forms and new published immunisation schedules(these change often). It is so important to be able to look at a schedule and know if it is current!

Ideally I believe that all forms should not only have the date displayed but display the date of the form which it replaces.

Even educational brochures for patients which may for instance describe a "new" treatment for an illness may unwittingly be read several years later with the reader unaware of its outdated material.

Sincerely,

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