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From: Chris i
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To: Sophie Hibburd
Cc: Australian Doctor Newsletter
Subject: Starter Packs

Dear Medicines Australia,

Have you people lost your marbles!??

Are any of you actually practising GPs??

If you were, you would realize that starter packs are an essential part of patient care.

Patients are extremely grateful for the opportunity to try a medication to see if it is tolerated before forking out \$35+

for a script. Secondly, it saves the government thousands of dollars in wasted subsidized medications that go into the bin

because they haven't been tolerated after 1 or 2 doses.

I am absolutely insulted by your insinuation that my prescribing is influenced by a pen, sandwich or cup of tea (none of which I get as I don't see drug reps as I am far too busy seeing patients!) or by drug samples.

Why don't you ask the public if they want starter packs to be scrapped?.....

Yours Sincerely,