

## Original Pack Dispensing (OPD)

Pharmacists are now required to consider dispensing up to 10% more or less than the prescribed quantity when appropriate, allowing pharmacists the flexibility to supply medicines in the manufacturer's original pack.

The following table shows the products that will be reimbursed – where up to 10% more or less is dispensed and claimed:

Product type	Does OPD +/- 10% rules apply?	
	Yes	No
POMs	✓	
Non-POMs including P, GSL and non-medicines (i.e. ACBS products, food supplements, cosmetics, toiletries etc)	✓	
Schedule 5 Controlled Drugs	✓	
Part IX Appliances		✗
Controlled Drugs in Schedules 1-4		✗
Special containers		✗
Unlicensed specials (Part VIII B, Part VIII D and non-Tariff specials)		✗
Products supplied in accordance with SSPs		✗
Medicines supplied in accordance with PGDs		✗

## Useful Resources



- [CPE: Original Pack Dispensing \(OPD\) webpage](#)
- [CPE: Original Pack Dispensing \(OPD\) FAQs](#)
- [CPE: Original Pack Dispensing \(OPD\) webinar](#)
- [CPE: Original Pack Dispensing \(OPD\) webinar slide deck](#)
- [VirtualOutcomes: OPD bitesize training module](#)
- [MHRA guidance: Full pack dispensing of valproate medicines](#)
- [RPS: Original Pack Dispensing \(OPD\) guide \(for members only\)](#)

## Key considerations:



### Check your IT before starting

Before implementing the +/-10% dispensing flexibility, check that your IT system is able to handle OPD. It's best to wait for confirmation from your system provider that your IT is ready to process and accurately claim for dispensed quantities under OPD.



### Communicate with your patients

When dispensing a quantity that differs from the prescription due to OPD, pharmacists should inform patients about the change and its rationale. This ensures transparency and maintains trust in the dispensing process.

To learn more about the new pharmacy regulations and what they mean for you, read the [CPE Briefing](#)

