*Opioid prescribing for patients practice policy template*

To inform patients about the practice’s standards regarding the prescription of drugs of dependence.

When choosing to discontinue care of a patient, be mindful of medico-legal issues such as anti-discrimination laws. For more information, please refer to the RACGPs [*General practice – A safe place: A guide for the prevention and management of patient-initiated violence*](https://www.racgp.org.au/FSDEDEV/media/documents/Running%20a%20practice/Security/General-practice-A-safe-place.pdf).

[Insert practice address]

[Date]

Dear Mr/Ms

Staff at [insert practice name] have recently reported an incident [insert date or approximate date] where you [insert a phrase that objectively describes the patient’s violent behaviour] and that they were threatened by your behaviour.

The safety of patients and staff in this practice is very important to us. Therefore, we cannot tolerate your threatening behaviour of [insert date].

As a result, we are discontinuing your care at [insert practice name].

This means that you are unable to attend this practice for ongoing medical care. Please do not contact the practice or come to the practice for an appointment. Please find another clinic at which to receive your healthcare.

We will transfer a copy of your health record to your new clinic when we receive a written request with the new clinic’s contact details.

Yours sincerely

Practice Manager

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