## ANCHOR STATEMENTS: STATION 8 - SAFE PRESCRIBING

Expected standard	CLEAR PASS	PASS	BARE FAIL	CLEAR FAIL	UNACCEPTABLE
PRESCRIBING EFFECTIVELY AND IN CONTEXT (Assessment of the written prescription based on set scenario)	Achieves <u>both</u> Essential and Desired criteria: <b>ESSENTIAL:</b> • Child's name, address, date of birth must be written on the prescription • Prescribes the correct drug • Writes Generic drug name or Trade name if appropriate • Writes legibly • Writes the correct dose ( including zero before decimal if appropriate) and the dose strength • Write dose frequency and total number of days of dose indicated • Units are clearly written: g, mg, micrograms, nanograms are acceptable • Completes prescription (signature, name and date of prescription) <b>DESIRED:</b> • Checks formulations available and what would be most suitable (capsule or liquid) • Dispensable dose (rounded up) • Writes appropriate route of administration <b>Fluent and confident in use of the BNFc</b> (uses <b>BNFc logically, acquires</b> information rapidly, turns to appropriate pages, does not 'browse' or hunt for inspiration)	Achieves all essential criteria and some desired criteria Prescribes the correct drug OR a clinically appropriate different drug	Misses any essential criteria Prescribes the correct drug OR a clinically appropriate different drug	Misses most essential and desired criteria Prescribes the <b>wrong</b> <b>drug</b>	Unsafe prescription: ••unsafe dose prescribed (correct or the wrong drug) • unsafe drug prescribed (risk to patient safety)
KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ATTITUDE TO PRESCRIBING (Assessment of the discussion with the examiner)	• Explains correct choice (clinical and cost effectiveness) of medication for this scenario (based on clinical reasoning, national guideline or BNFc advice)	<ul> <li>Knows indications, important contraindications and side effects of the drug prescribed.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Limited knowledge of the drug prescribed.</li> <li>Misses important</li> </ul>	Limited or poor explanation offered for the choice of the drug prescribed     fails to suggest	<ul> <li>Lack of knowledge or understanding of contraindications, side effects</li> <li>Unsafe.</li> </ul>

Explains relevant patient related factors		contraindications,	alternative and	
influencing prescription	<ul> <li>Aware of patient related factors</li> </ul>	side effects	appropriate drug	<ul> <li>Inappropriate attitude displayed in</li> </ul>
Knows contraindications	influencing prescription	<ul> <li>Not aware of patient related factors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Poor understanding of patient related factors</li> </ul>	responses.
Knows side effects		influencing	influencing prescription	
	<ul> <li>Lacks confidence</li> </ul>	prescription		
<ul> <li>Fluent and confident</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Lacks confidence and</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Lacks confidence.</li> </ul>	poor responses.	