



## Panel of Peers – Reflections From Select Panel Members June 17, 2022



### Question 1

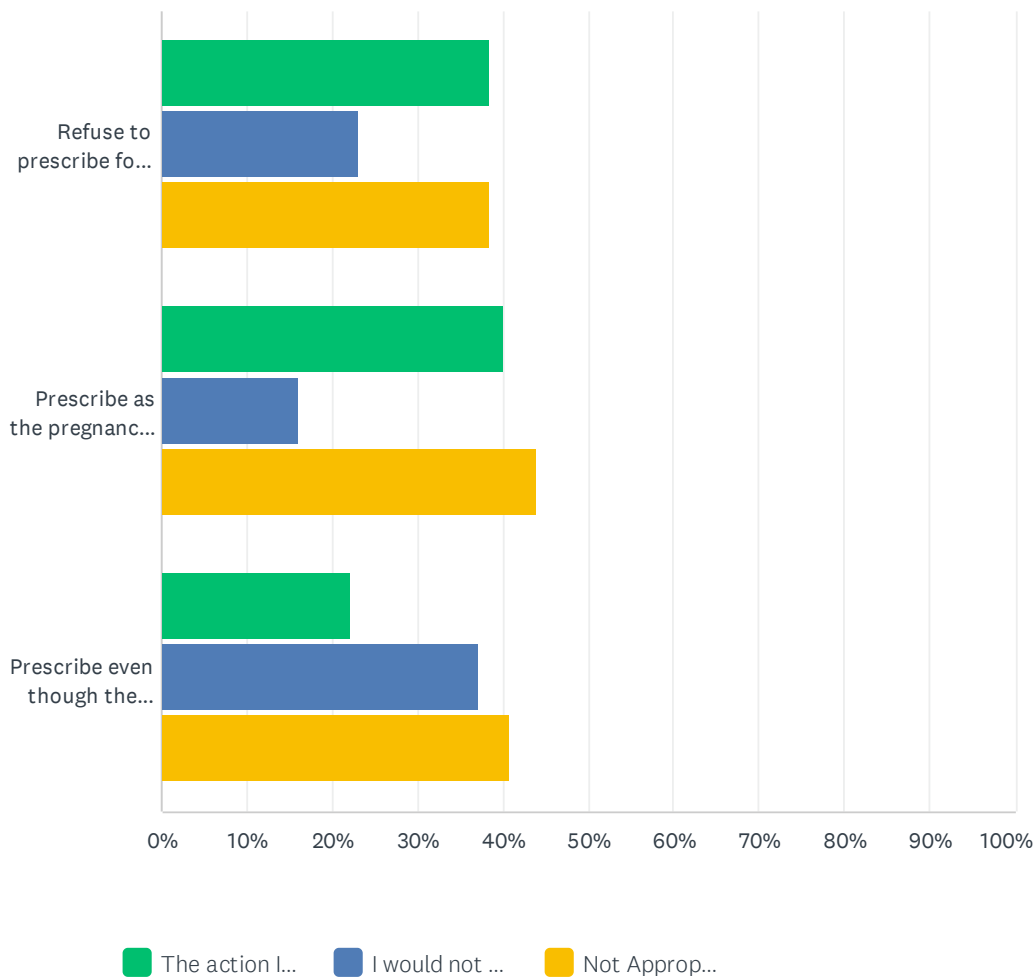
- There was significant variety on the course of action when the patient refused to take a pregnancy test:
  - Refuse to Prescribe – 38% Action I would take, 38% Not appropriate
  - Prescribe as the test is not needed – 40% Action I would take, 44% Not appropriate
  - Prescribe even though pregnancy test is required while cautioning the patient – 22% Action I would take, 41% Not appropriate

### Comments

- Inform the patient that pregnancy could not be ruled out and log the prescription until confirmation that she is not pregnant with her next cycle.
- Risk of pregnancy at this point is very low. Risk of birth control if she happened to pregnant is low.
- Want to know if protection was used when they had sex before I would prescribe
- Did they use alternate protection
- Unlikely to be pregnant. I would recommend waiting until her next cycle to start to make sure she was not pregnancy
- Only give a 1 month supply. Extend it after confirming her next cycle.
- Pregnancy test is not required but we would have to rule out pregnancy and in this case we can't

Q1 (Your submission) Part A: DL is a 32 yo female who presents requesting an assessment for birth control. She has not taken birth control before. She is married and is sexually active with her male partner. When trying to rule out pregnancy, she said she had recently had sex 7 days ago and her period was 10 days ago. She was unwilling to take a pregnancy test to confirm she was not pregnant. Her medical history is unremarkable. Should a pharmacist prescribe if the patient was unwilling to take a pregnancy test?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 1



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	THE ACTION I WOULD TAKE	I WOULD NOT DO THIS, BUT IT IS OKAY IF ANOTHER PHARMACIST DID	NOT APPROPRIATE	TOTAL
Refuse to prescribe for the patient	38.46% 10	23.08% 6	38.46% 10	26
Prescribe as the pregnancy test is not required	40.00% 10	16.00% 4	44.00% 11	25
Prescribe even though the pregnancy test is required cautioning the patient	22.22% 6	37.04% 10	40.74% 11	27



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### Question 2

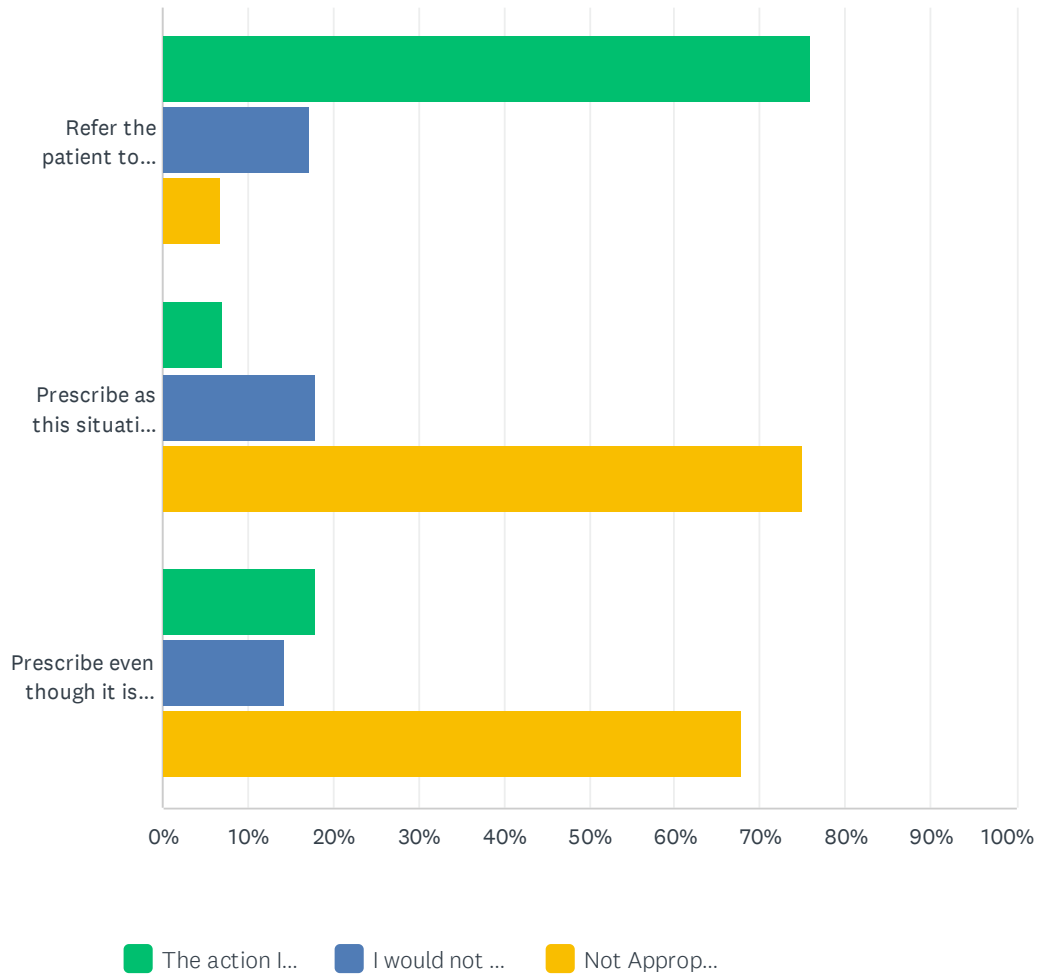
- This was not popular because people felt it was a situation where we should be allowed to prescribe:
  - Refer as this is beyond our scope of practice – 76% Action I would take, 7% Not appropriate
  - Prescribe because it is in our scope of practice – 7% Action I would take, 75% Not appropriate
  - Prescribe even though it is beyond our scope of practice – 18% Action I would take, 68% Not appropriate

### Comments

- Should be in our scope but it is not. No pharmacists should do this because it makes the ones that follow scope look bad.
- Respect patient autonomy. I am confident/competent in my ability to serve this patient.
- This is not within our scope of practice
- We have created situations where patients who are honest with us are being penalized.
- We are creating situations where patients will figure out how to game the pharmacist. The real problem with prescribing isn't patient well-being, it's the free for all that happens when we each decide what our own scope of practice is.

Q2 (Your submission) Part B: You subsequently learn that DL just wanted birth control to avoid her menstrual cycle while on vacation with her husband at a resort. Assuming there were no problems regarding the pregnancy test in part A, how should a pharmacist respond?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 0



	THE ACTION I WOULD TAKE	I WOULD NOT DO THIS, BUT IT IS OKAY IF ANOTHER PHARMACIST DID	NOT APPROPRIATE	TOTAL
Refer the patient to another primary care provider as this is beyond our scope of practice	75.86% 22	17.24% 5	6.90% 2	29
Prescribe as this situation is within our scope of practice	7.14% 2	17.86% 5	75.00% 21	28
Prescribe even though it is beyond our scope of practice to avoid making the patient go to another primary care provider	17.86% 5	14.29% 4	67.86% 19	28