

Nurse Practitioner Primary Health Care

List of Scheduled Substances

Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioners who receive authorisation under Section 25B of the *Poisons Act 1971* will be able to possess, sell, supply or prescribe those substances from the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Formulary, and as detailed in the Collaborative Care Agreement with their General Practitioner.

The authorisation of the Nurse Practitioner is in accordance with Section 25B of the *Poisons Act 1971* and the *Poisons Amendment (Nurse Practitioners) Act 2007* and forms part of the approved nurse practitioner guidelines, in accordance with section 78A (2) (a) of the *Nurses Act 1991*.

The scope of practice of a Nurse Practitioner working within Primary Health Care (General Practice) is determined by the collaborative arrangement in place with their General Practitioner. The Collaborative Care Agreement must list the specific schedule substances from the approved formulary from which the Nurse Practitioner can prescribe in accordance with their scope of practice, and which has been agreed to by the Nurse Practitioner and the General Practitioner.

The Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner will use the latest available MIMS, Therapeutic Guidelines, and the Australian Medicines Handbook when determining drug doses for patients in their care.

FORMULARY

Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioners will be authorised to be in possession of, sell, supply or prescribe:

1. All Schedule 2 substances as listed in the Tasmanian Poisons List;
2. All Schedule 3 substances as listed in the Tasmanian Poisons List;
3. Schedule 4 substances as listed in the Tasmanian Poisons List that have been approved for listing on the Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme with the exception of Declared Restricted Substances (S4D's) under the Tasmanian Declared Restricted Substances Order (Appendix A).

Please note that the formulary will NOT include:

- Declared restricted substances (S4D)
- Schedule 8 substances.

Nurse Practitioners must work within their scope of practice and ONLY be in possession of, sell, supply or prescribe those substances that are listed in the Collaborative Care Agreement and the formulary above.

Application Process

Applications for authorisation must be directed to the Chief Pharmacist. The application must contain:

1. A letter from the General Practitioner requesting authorisation for the Nurse Practitioner position (see Appendix B); and
2. A copy of the RACGP Collaborative Care Agreement between the General Practitioner and Nurse Practitioner.

Applications are to:

The Chief Pharmacist
Pharmaceutical Services Branch
Department of Health and Human Services
34 Davey St
Hobart
TAS 7000.

Enquiries: (03) 6233 2064.

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