

## Schedule 8 Medicine Summary – NT

### Storage

The Northern Territory Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act states that medical practitioners must keep S8 drugs:

- In a locked room, safe or cupboard or container of a type approved by the Chief Health Officer.
- For emergency purposes...in a locked bag in the possession of that person (medical practitioner), or in a locked room or motor vehicle, the key of which is in the personal possession of that person (medical practitioner).

### Records

A register for S8 drugs must be kept that includes full details of drugs supplied and administered. Details for administration shall include:

- The *time* and *date* the substance is administered
- *Amount* administered and *reason* for administration
- Name of *patient*
- Name of *person authorising* administration
- Name and signature of *person administering* the substance
- Name and signature of *witness* of administration (must be a person, other than the patient, who can read and write).

NB- It is expected that the drug register uses one page per name, strength and form of S8 drugs.

Drug – Strength - Form (Eg Pethidine 100mg AMPS)

Time & Date	Amount Reason	Patient	Authority	Administration	Witness
09:11 02.04.04	1 out Migraine	Ann Phillips	Dr B Smith	Sr. K Dean	Frank Phillips
14:32 17.08.04	10 in Practice supply	BWell Pharmacy	Dr B Smith	Sr. K Dean	

*Example of Drug Register*

A record, invoice, delivery docket, written order or prescription for a S8 drug shall be retained for 2 years after the date of the last entry in the register.

### Destruction

- S8 drugs are to be disposed of by either an inspector from the NT Department of Health, a pharmacist, police constable or a doctor (preferably from another practice).
- The destruction of S8 drugs must be recorded in the drug register and witnessed.

**Please Note:** All efforts have been made to provide up to date correct information for your benefit. It is your responsibility to check the regulation.