

Schedule 8 Medicines

The Practice shall ensure that Schedule 8 medicines are stored securely and be familiar with your state/territory legislation. Schedule 8 medicines should only be able to be accessed by an authorised person eg. (Doctors only, unless your regulations state otherwise.) All Schedule 8 medicine transactions should be correctly documented in an appropriate register according to your legislation.

RACGP Standards

- 5.3.1** Our practice ensures that Schedule 8 medicines are stored securely and are only accessed by authorized personnel.
- ☞ **5.3.1A** Schedule 8 medicines stored in our practice are securely stored.
- ☞ **5.3.1B** The acquisition, storage, use, transfer and disposal of Schedule 8 medicines in our practice is appropriately documented.

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Assessment methods

- Direct observation

Surveyors will ask for demonstrative evidence from the authorised person to ensure the Practice is storing Schedule 8 medicines securely.

- Document review of practice procedures

The Surveyor will visually assess the storage facilities and then view the Schedule 8 medicine register to ensure that all details are documented correctly. A separate register for Schedule 8 medicines has to be kept if Schedule 8 medicines are stored in a Doctor's bag. This will be viewed by the Surveyor to ensure details are correctly documented.

Meeting the standards

The Practices shall meet their State/Territory Legislative requirements. A written system/policy/procedure shall be within the Practice Policy and Procedure Manual, being read and understood by all staff who have access, under state/territory legislation.

For further information on your state legislation, contact your Quality Accreditation Manager to obtain a summary or the legislation or go to our Assistance page.