


5.3.1 Safe & quality use of medicines





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Today's agenda

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Criterion 5.3.1

Safe and quality use of medicines

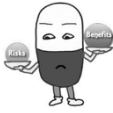
‘Our clinical team prescribes, dispenses and administers appropriate medicines safely to informed patients’.



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Purpose, options, benefits and risks




- Patients should understand the rationale for taking medications
- Informed decision-making improves compliance with recommended treatment plans
- Even if a patient seems disinterested, clinical staff should spend time engaging with the patient about the recommended treatment

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Purpose, options, benefits and risks


- **The Therapeutic Guidelines should be available to all clinical staff and are available online**
<http://www.tg.org.au/index.php?sectionid=97>
- Staff must take care with similar sounding medications, particularly when using computerised prescribing programs
- Prescriptions must be legible and explicit, providing sufficient information for the medicine to be used correctly



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Purpose, options, benefits and risks



Consumer resources:


- Consumer Medicines Information
<https://www.tga.gov.au/consumer-medicines-information-cmi>
- Australian Pharmaceutical Advisory Council (APAC)
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/apac-publications-guiding>
- Pharmacists

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Medicines

- GPs should regularly review patients' medication lists to ensure they reflect current treatments
- Single use medications, such as antibiotics, should be removed when the course is completed
- Patients should be provided with a new medications list when medicines are changed



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Medicines and other perishable materials

- Practices must ensure they do not use medicines and other perishable materials beyond their expiry dates
- It may be useful to appoint a staff member to take responsibility for the storage, security and maintenance of medicines and other healthcare products in the practice



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Schedule 8 medicines

- A Schedule 8 medicine is a controlled drug, or drug of dependence
- Schedule 8 medicines must be prescribed by an authorised health professional
- These medicines may be supplied in hospital, or purchased from a pharmacy



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Schedule 8 medicines



- Each state and territory has its own legislative requirements for storing, recording and disposing of Schedules 4 and 8 medicines
- GPA provides fact sheets on its website in relation to the requirements for Schedule 8 medicines

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Schedule 8 medicines - recording

Drug - Strength - Form (Eg Pethidine 100mg AMPs)

Date	Name	Address	Quantity			Signature/ Initials
			In	Out	Balance	
02.10.02	Frank Johnson	123 Example Rd, Smithtown		1	5	
05.10.02	BWell Pharmacy	52 Main St, Healthville	10		15	

Example of Drug Register



Schedule 8 medicines - disposal



- Again, each state and territory has specific requirements around the disposal of Schedule 8 medicines
- Disposal is usually under the supervision of an authorised person



Schedule 8 medicines

ACT
 Pharmaceutical Services, ACT Health
<http://www.health.act.gov.au/public-information/businesses/pharmaceutical-services>

NT
 Poisons Control, Department of Health & Families
<https://health.nt.gov.au/professionals/environmental-health/medicines-and-poisons-control>

NSW
 Pharmaceutical Services Branch NSW Health
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pharmaceutical/pages/default.aspx>



Schedule 8 medicines

QLD
 Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulations
<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/licences/medicines-poisons/legislation-standards/acts-regulation>

SA
 SA Health, Drugs of Dependence Unit
<http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/clinical+resources/clinical+topics/medicines+and+drugs/drugs+of+dependence>

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Tas
 Pharmaceutical Services Branch
<http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/psbtas>

Vic
 Drugs and Poisons Regulation
<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/drugs-and-poisons>


WA
 Medicines and Poisons Regulation Branch
http://www2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/N_R/Pharmaceutical-Services-Branch

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Meeting the Standards

5.3.1A/ Our clinical team can demonstrate how our patients are informed about the purpose, importance, benefits and risks of their medicines and how patients are made aware of their own responsibility to comply with the recommended treatment plan.



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Meeting the Standards



5.3.1B/ Our clinical team can demonstrate how we access current information on medicines and review our prescribing patterns in accordance with best available evidence.

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Meeting the Standards

5.3.1C/ Our clinical team can demonstrate how we ensure patients and other health providers to whom we refer receive an accurate and current medicines list.



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Meeting the Standards



5.3.1D/ Our clinical team can demonstrate how we ensure that medicines (including samples and medical consumables) are acquired, stored, administered, supplied and disposed of in accordance with manufacturer's directions and jurisdictional requirements.


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Question time




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Upcoming webinars

<p>5.3.2 Cold chain management</p> <p>Tuesday January 24 12pm AEDT</p>	<p>Dealing with difficult patients</p> <p>Wednesday February 1 2pm AEDT</p>	<p>5.3.3 Sterilisation Part 1</p> <p>Tuesday February 14 1pm AEDT</p>
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