

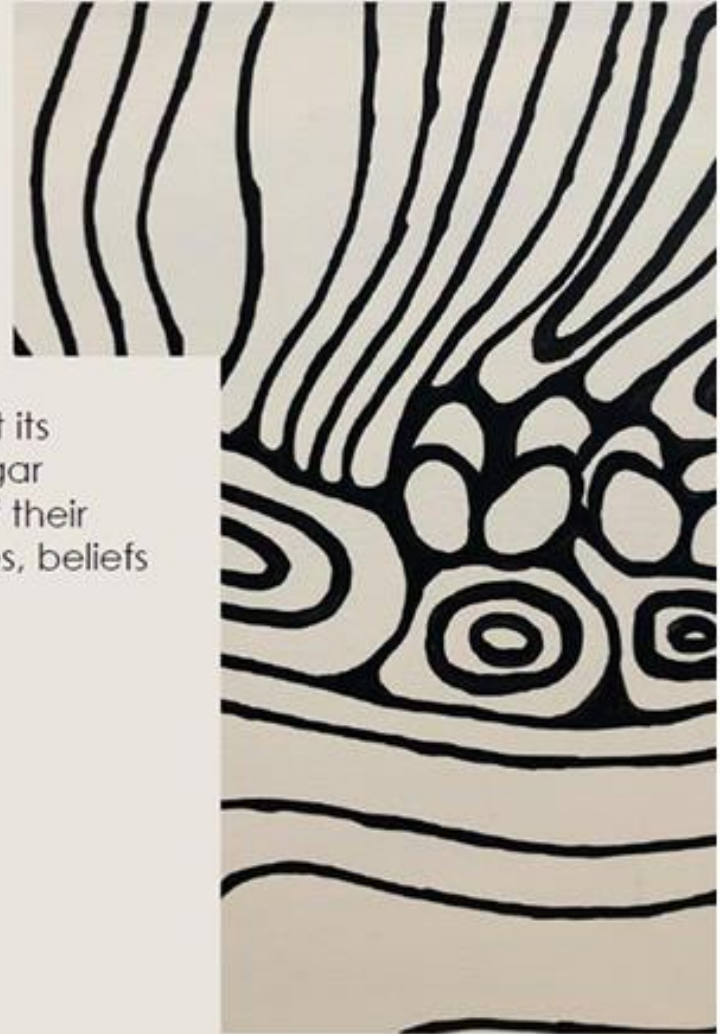
DENT 3005: Introduction to Pharmacology

Ethics and legalities

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DENT3005: assessment breakdown

Assessment #	Assessment Task	Weight %	Assessment Period/ date	Module assessed	Waiver
1	SAQ	50%	30/09/25 9AM – 11AM	General Medicine and Pharmacology: all lectures content	No
2	MCQ	50%	Main Campus: Semester 2 examination period	General Medicine and Pharmacology: all lectures content	No

2025 DMD1 SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLE - Final														
Week	Date	Day	Start	Finish	Activity	Venue	Unit Code	Unit Title	Module	Topic	Lecturer	Module Coordinator	Unit Co-ordinator	Time
Week 27	2-Jul-25	Wednesday	9:00	12:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	General Medicine	Medical history and extraoral exam; Cardiology; Respiratory medicine	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Magdalen Foo	Linh Truong	
Week 27	2-Jul-25	Wednesday	13:00	15:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	General Medicine	Gastrointestinal tract; Renal Medicine; Liver Disease	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 28	9-Jul-25	Wednesday	13:00	16:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Introduction to pharmacodynamics & pharmacokinetics	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 29	16-Jul-25	Wednesday	13:00	16:00	L	QE2P: [G16] Mary Lockett LT	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Introduction to Toxicology, Ethics and Legalities, Infectious Disease in the Dental Setting	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 30	22-Jul-25	Tuesday	13:00	16:00	L	211 VLC	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	General Medicine	Neurology, Haematology	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 30	23-Jul-25	Wednesday	13:00	14:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Cardiovascular Drugs	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 30	23-Jul-25	Wednesday	14:00	15:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Respiratory Drugs	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 30	23-Jul-25	Wednesday	15:00	16:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Gastrointestinal Drugs	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 30	23-Jul-25	Wednesday	16:00	17:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Renal Drugs	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 32	6-Aug-25	Wednesday	13:00	15:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Hormones Drugs, Dermatological Drugs	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 32	6-Aug-25	Wednesday	15:00	16:00	P	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Practical 1 - Medical history	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 32	6-Aug-25	Wednesday	16:00	17:00	P	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Practical 2 - Drug history	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 32	8-Aug-25	Friday	13:00	17:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	General Medicine	Infectious diseases	A/Prof Omar Kujan	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 33	11-Aug-25	Monday	13:00	15:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	General Medicine	Endocrinology I & II	Dr Janina Christoforou	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 33	13-Aug-25	Wednesday	13:00	16:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Endocrine Drugs (I, II, III)	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 34	20-Aug-25	Wednesday	13:00	16:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Neurological & Psychotropic Medications	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 36	3-Sep-25	Wednesday	13:00	14:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Anaesthesia in the dental setting	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 36	3-Sep-25	Wednesday	14:00	15:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Pain Control	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 36	3-Sep-25	Wednesday	15:00	16:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Complementary Medicines, Special Populations	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 37	8-Sep-25	Monday	15:00	17:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	General Medicine	Rheumatology; Immunology	Dr Janina Christoforou	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 37	9-Sep-25	Tuesday	8:00	9:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology						
Week 37	10-Sep-25	Wednesday	9:00	12:00	P	211 VLC	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	General Medicine/Pharmacology	Emergency Medicine and practical	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 37	10-Sep-25	Wednesday	13:00	15:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Immunomodulators, Antiinflammatories	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 37	10-Sep-25	Wednesday	15:00	16:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Haematology Drugs	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 37	10-Sep-25	Wednesday	16:00	17:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology						
Week 38	17-Sep-25	Wednesday	13:00	14:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Antiinfective Drugs	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 38	17-Sep-25	Wednesday	14:00	16:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	Pharmacology	Antiinfective II, Vaccines	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 39	24-Sep-25	Wednesday	13:00	14:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	General Medicine	Oncology	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 39	24-Sep-25	Wednesday	14:00	16:00	L	G15 KJG Sutherland	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology	General Medicine	Oral Oncology (Head and Neck)	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 40	30-Sep-25	Tuesday	8:00	12:00	A	HACKH: [G09] Fay Gale Studio	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology		In-semester assessment - SAQ	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Magdalen Foo	Dr Linh Truong	
Week 41	10-Oct-25	Friday	16:00	18:00	A	206 CSSL	DENT3005	General Medicine and Pharmacology						

Learning Outcomes

Learning objectives

- 1) Understand the ethic principles guiding prescription
- 2) Understand QUM and its importance
- 3) Understand Australian scheduling for drugs
- 4) Understand legal requirements for prescription writing
- 5) Understand the PBS
- 6) Understand potential abuse for prescriptions
- 7) Applied knowledge to clinical scenarios



Ethical principles

Core ethical principles

- 1) Beneficence
- 2) Non-maleficence
- 3) Autonomy
- 4) Justice
- 5) Professional integrity and accountability
- 6) Evidence based practice
- 7) Transparency and conflict of interest

Quality use of medicines

- **Definition:** the use of medicines safely, effectively and wisely
- **Key Aims**
 - Select the most appropriate medicine
 - Use medicines safely and effectively
 - Minimise misuse and overuse
- **Importance**
 - Promotes better health outcomes
 - Reduces adverse drug reactions
 - Supports cost-effective healthcare
 - Encourages shared decision-making between consumers and health professionals

The Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)










Australian government program

- Provides subsidized prescription medicines
- Available to all Australian residents with a Medicare card
- Reduces the cost of many essential medications
- Patients pay a set co-payment; government covers the rest
- Helps ensure access to affordable medications
- Includes a wide range of approved drugs
- Safety Net available for high medicine users
- Managed by the Department of Health and Aged Care

AMOXICILLIN











Source [General Schedule](#)

Body System [ANTIINFECTIVES FOR SYSTEMIC USE > ANTIBACTERIALS FOR SYSTEMIC USE > BETA-LACTAM ANTIBACTERIALS, PENICILLINS](#)

Code & Prescriber	Medicinal Product Pack (Name, form & strength and pack size)	Max qty packs	Max qty units	No. of repeats	DPMQ	Max Safety Net	General Patient Charge
3300Q 	AMOXICILLIN amoxicillin 500 mg capsule, 20 (PI, CMI)	1	20	0	\$16.17	\$17.62	\$21.07
Available brands							
	 a AMILOXYN						
	 a AMOXICILLIN-WGR						
	 a APO-Amoxycillin						
	 a Alphamox 500						
	 a Amoxycillin Sandoz						
	 a Amoxycillin generichealth 500						
	 a Blooms The Chemist Amoxicillin						
	 a Cilamox						
	 a Amoxil	1	20	0	\$20.84	\$17.62	\$25.74
	 B * Additional charge for this brand is \$4.67						

Clinical criteria:

- Patient must be a male with acute cystitis; OR
- Patient must have pyelonephritis; OR
- Patient must have a tooth avulsion; OR
- Patient must have salmonella enteritis; OR
- Patient must have community acquired pneumonia; OR
- Patient must have a condition requiring prolonged oral antibiotic therapy.

Code & Prescriber	Medicinal Product Pack (Name, form & strength and pack size)	Max qty packs	Max qty units	No. of repeats	DPMQ	Max Safety Net	General Patient Charge
11947T  	AMOXICILLIN amoxicillin 500 mg capsule, 20 (PI, CMI)	2	40	0	\$18.89	\$20.34	\$23.79
Available brands							
 AMILOXYN							
 AMOXICILLIN-WGR							
 APO-Amoxycillin							
 Alphamox 500							
 Amoxycillin Sandoz							
 Amoxycillin generichealth 500							
 Blooms The Chemist Amoxicillin							
 Cilamox							

The Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)

Under the PBS medicines are categorized based on how they are prescribed and accessed

- 1) **Unrestricted** – These medicines can be prescribed without any specific conditions or restrictions
- 2) **Restricted** – These can only be prescribed for specific conditions listed on the PBS. The prescriber must ensure the patient meets the criteria
- 3) **Authority Required** – These require prior approval (authority) from Services Australia or the Department of Veterans' Affairs before prescribing, often for high-cost or specialized medications

Australian drug scheduling

- National classification system
- Controls how medicines and chemicals are made available to the public
- Medicines and chemicals are classified into Schedules according to...
- Level of regulatory control over the availability of the medicine
- Chemical required to protect public health and safety
- The schedules are published by the Poisons Standards: SUSMP

Schedule	
S1	Not currently in use
S2	Pharmacy medicine
S3	Pharmacist only medicine
S4	Prescription Only Medicine OR Prescription Animal Remedy
S5	Caution
S6	Poison
S7	Dangerous Poison
S8	Controlled Drug
S9	Prohibited substance
S10	Substances of such danger to health as to warrant prohibition of sale, supply and use

A valid prescription

Prescriptions must include all of the following:

- Name, prescriber number, practice details
- Name of patient
- Medicine name, strength and formulation
 - A many items can fit on one script provided it is legible
- Precise directions for use (dosage and frequency)
 - Where a script has >1 item, ea. will need its own directions
- Quantity to be dispensed
- Number of repeats permitted (if any)
- Date the prescription was issued
- Signature of the prescriber

Prescriber full name
Prescriber qualifications
Practice name
Practice address
Prescriber number
Provider ID (if applicable)
Phone number

Patient's Medicare no. - - Patient's Ref no.

Patient's full name

Patient's address

Postcode

Pharmaceutical benefits entitlement no.

PBS Safety Net entitlement cardholder Concessional or dependant, RPBS beneficiary or PBS Safety Net concession cardholder

(Tick appropriate boxes)
PBS RPBS Brand substitution not permitted

Pharmacist/patient copy

Privacy notice on reverse

Dentist's signature

Date / /

For dental treatment only

I declare that I have received this/these medicine(s) and the information relating to any entitlement to a pharmaceutical benefit is correct.

PB027 2008

Patient's or agent's signature

Date of supply

Agent's address

Prescription is valid for 12 months

Schedule 8 medications

DEFINITION: *Substances which may be available for use but require restriction of manufacture, supply, distribution, possession and use to reduce abuse, misuse and physical and psychological dependence*

A valid S8 prescription must include

- Full name and address of prescriber
- Date prescription written
- Full name, address and DOB of patient
- Name, description and quantity of medicine to be prescribed
 - Only one type of S8 is allowed on a script
 - BUT 2 items are allowed if it is the same medication but in different formulation
- Precise directions for use
- Number of repeats (if any) and intervals at which they may be dispensed
- Signature of the prescriber

Prescriber full name
Prescriber qualifications
Practice name
Practice address
Prescriber number
Provider ID (if applicable)
Phone number

Patient's Medicare: *pharmacist can fill this*
Patient's name: *Jane Bubbletea*
Patient's address: *not a legality requirement but best practice to add*

DOB: *not a legality* **Age:** *xx*
Weight: *only if known, important for ABS*

RX

- 1) PARACETAMOL 500MG QTY 20 tabs
1G every 4-6 hours MAX 4G/24hrs
no rpts
- 2) IBUPROFEN 400MG QTY 20 TABS
400mg every 6-8 hours (≤ 5 days)
no rpts

SIGNATURE: *yours and not the patient's*
Date: *all s4 valid for 1 year*

Privacy notice on reverse
Dentist's signature
I declare that I have received this/these medicine(s) and the information relating to any entitlement to a pharmaceutical benefit is correct.
PD027 2008

Patient's or agent's signature
Agent's address
Date of supply
/ /
Prescription is valid for 12 months

Prescriber full name
Prescriber qualifications
Practice name
Practice address
Prescriber number
Provider ID (if applicable)
Phone number

Patient's Medicare: *pharmacist can fill this*
Patient's name: *Jane Bubbletea*
Patient's address: *required*

DOB: *Must have* **Age:** *xx*
Weight: *only if known, important for ABS*

RX

- 1) Oxycodone 5mg qty 10 **CAPS or TABS – must have formulation for S8**
5mg every 4-6 hours prn (≤ 3 days)
no rpts

SIGNATURE: *yours and not the patient's*
Date: *s8 only valid 6mo from rx date*

Privacy notice on reverse
Dentist's signature
I declare that I have received this/these medicine(s) and the information relating to any entitlement to a pharmaceutical benefit is correct.
PD027 2008

Patient's or agent's signature
Agent's address
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Tips and tricks

General considerations

- 1) Write legibly (or type it 😊)
- 2) Use generic names
- 3) Include all validity points (patient name, drug, dosing etc)
- 4) Avoid non-standardised abbreviations
- 5) Avoid trailing zeros and always use leading zeros

Clinical considerations

- 1) Consider dose calculation: age, weight, renal function etc
- 2) Remember the 5 Rights: patient, drug, dose, route, time
- 3) Check interactions and allergies! – is it true allergy or ADR?

Tips and tricks

Legalities considerations

- 1) Itemise prescription and cross out blank areas under last item to prevent patients adding on additional medications
- 2) For controlled medications: adhere to state regulations, limit qty and avoid repeats
- 3) Record prescription by documenting in patient's clinical notes

Drug abuse

- **Opioids**

- Oxycodone
- Codeine
- Panadeine forte
- Fentanyl

- **Benzodiazepines**

- Diazepam
- Temazepam
- Lorazepam
- Alprazolam

- Patient unaware of addictive properties
- Tolerance
- Dependence
- Addiction



Prescription addiction

- **Patient selection**

- Medical history
- Safe Script
- Red flags
 - Requesting additional scripts
 - Lost scripts, moved house...

- **Naloxone**

- Temporarily reverse effect of opioid overdose
- Aust. Gov offering free of charge
 - No rx required



Prescription scenarios

Scenario 1: post-operative pain management after tooth extraction

Patient: Mr Ohcwa DMD, 40yo

Rx 1:

Procedure: surgical extraction of impacted lower third molar

Concern: anticipated moderate post-op pain

Rx 2:

Clinical notes

- Patient underwent extraction of an impacted mandibular third molar
- Procedure was uneventful, but due to the deep impaction and bone removal, moderate post-op pain is expected
- No contraindications to NSAIDs
- Codeine allergy

Prescription scenarios

Scenario 2: same patient is back!

- Name:** Mr Ohcwa DMD, 40yo
- Medical History:** generally fit and well, no history of substance abuse. Allergic to codeine
- Procedure:** surgical removal of impacted wisdom teeth (all four), under IV sedation.
- Post-operative complications:** significant swelling, trismus, and severe pain unresponsive to paracetamol and NSAIDs
- S8 justification:** given patient's severe post-op pain and allergy to codeine, a short course of oxycodone is indicated
- Follow up plan:** review and reassess pain control and healing, transition patient back to non-opioid analgesic asap, if pain persist investigate for infection or dry socket

Rx 1:

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Case 1: prescribing opioids for post-extraction pain

Scenario: Dr Pain has just performed a surgical extraction of an impacted wisdom tooth on a patient known to have a history of substance abuse. The patient requests a prescription for **oxycodone** for pain relief. Dr Pain knows that non-opioid analgesics could suffice but worries about causing pain if under-prescribing. The patient insists, citing severe pain last time.

Discussion points

Case 2: writing a prescription for benzodiazepines to anxious dental patients

Scenario: a patient scheduled for a complex dental procedure expresses severe dental anxiety. The dentist considers prescribing diazepam to help manage anxiety during treatment. The patient requests a larger quantity than typically prescribed, explaining they want to “use some at home” for relaxation.

Discussion points

Case 3: managing a prescription request from a “doctor shopper”

Scenario: during routine history taking, Dr. Smith suspects a patient may be “doctor shopping” — seeking multiple prescriptions for opioids or sedatives from different providers. The patient asks Dr. Smith to write a prescription for codeine despite having received several similar prescriptions recently from other practitioners.

Discussion points

Case 4: a dental colleague requests an oxycodone prescription

Scenario: a dental colleague approaches you and asks if you can prescribe oxycodone for their personal use. They mention they have severe dental pain but have not yet seen a medical professional. They say it will be a one-time request and promise to seek medical care soon.

Discussion points

Example of a legal script – S4

Name: Dr Dee Em Dee
Address: 17 Monash Dr
Tel: work phone
PBS prescribing number
#####

Patient's Medicare: *pharmacist can fill this*

Patient's name: *Jane Bubbletea*

Patient's address: *not a legality requirement but best practice to add*

DOB: *not a legality* **Age:** xx

Weight: only if known, important for ABS

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- 1) PARACETAMOL 500MG QTY 20 tabs
1G every 4-6 hours MAX 4G/24HOURS
no rpts
- 2) IBUPROFEN 400MG QTY 20 TABS
400mg every 6-8 hours (\leq 5days)
no rpts

SIGNATURE: yours and not the patient's

Date: all s4 valid for 1 year

For Dental Use Only

Example of a legal script – S8

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Tel: work phone
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#####

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Patient's name: *Jane Bubbletea*

Patient's address: required

DOB: Must have **Age:** xx **Weight:** only if known, important for ABS

RX

1) Oxycodone 5mg qty 10 **CAPS or TABS – must have formulation for S8**

5mg every 4-6 hours prn (\leq 3days)
no rpt

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For Dental Use Only

Prescribing S8 medications

Schedule 8 medicine

DEFINITION: *Substances which may be available for use but require restriction of manufacture, supply, distribution, possession and use to reduce abuse, misuse and physical and psychological dependence.*

- **Only one S8 medicine** (and no other medicine) can be written per prescription page.
- A second S8 may be included if it is the **same drug in a different form** i.e. oxycodone SR and IR.
- If an unusual dose is prescribed this must be underlined and initialled to confirm it is the intended dose.
- If a **verbal order** is made the prescriber must send a written prescription within 24 hours to the pharmacy

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S8 prescriptions are valid for **six months**.

Authorisation from the CEO of Health is required for:

- Patients notified as addicts
- Prescription period longer than **60 days in any 12 month period**
- Flunitrazepam prescribing. HDWA number is to be endorsed by the prescriber on every prescription for flunitrazepam.

The purpose of authorisation is to:

- Support doctors in the appropriate use of S8 medicines
- Minimise drug dependence
- Reduce abuse and diversion.

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- **Self prescribing of S8 medicines is illegal.**
- Prescribing S8 medications for immediate family is **strongly discouraged.**
- If a medical practitioner has concerns about a new/existing patient they are encouraged to check the prescription history of the patient:
 - **PSB:** 9222 4424 available 8.30am to 4.30pm M-F
 - **Medicare Australia Medicines Information Line** for information on doctor shoppers on 1800 631 181.

Prescribing S8 medications

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Interstate scripts

- Your Rx may not be valid elsewhere in Aust
 - But WA do accept interstate provided they meet the S8 requirements

Advise patients:

- Any repeats of prescriptions dispensed in WA are required to be retained at the pharmacy, who dispensed the original prescription, for repeat dispensing.
- Should they relocate, an application can be made to the pharmacists to transfer the prescription to another pharmacy.

Some examples S8 Medicines

Generic name	Form	Brand names
Alprazolam	Tablets (IR)	Kalma Xanax Alprax Ralozam
Buprenorphine	Patch (SR) Sublingual tablet (IR) Tablet (IR) *	Norspan Temgesic Subutex
Codeine	Tablet (IR) Liquid (IR)	Codeine phosphate Actacode
Fentanyl	Patch (IR)	Durogesic
Flunitrazepam	Tablet (IR)	Hypnodorm
Hydromorphone	Liquid (IR) Tablet (MR)	Dilaudid Jurnista
Ketamine	Lozenges (oral) Intramuscular (IR)	Ketamine Ketalar
Methadone	Tablet (IR) Suppositories Liquid (IR) *	Physeptone Proladone Methadone

Some examples S8 Medicines

Generic name	Form	Brand names
Morphine	Tablet (IR) Epidural injection (MR) Tablet (CR) Tablet (SR) Tablet (CR) Tablet (CR) Liquid (IR) Tablet (IR)	Anamorph Depo-Dur Kapanol Momex MS Contin MS Mono Ordine Sevredol
Oxycodone	Tablet (IR) Tablet (MR) Capsule (IR) Liquid (IR)	Endone OxyContin OxyNorm OxyNorm elixir
Oxycodone/naloxone	Tablets (PR)	Targin
Pethidine	Injection (IR)	Pethidine