



## Schedule 8 Medicines

The practice must ensure that Schedule 8 medicines are stored securely, and must be familiar with its state/territory legislation. Schedule 8 medicines should only be able to be accessed by an authorised person i.e. doctors only, unless your applicable regulations state otherwise. All Schedule 8 medicine transactions should be correctly documented in an appropriate register according to your legislation.

### RACGP 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Standards

- 5.3.1** Our clinical team prescribes, dispenses and administers appropriate medicines safely to informed patients.
- ☞ **5.3.1D** Our clinical team can demonstrate how we ensure that medicines are acquired, stored, administered, supplied and disposed of in accordance with manufacturers directions and jurisdictional requirements.

### 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 must 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

Practices must meet their state/territory legislative requirements. A written system/policy/procedure will be within the practice's policy and procedure manual, and must be read and understood by all staff who have access to Schedule 8 medicines, under state/territory legislation.

*For further information on your state legislation, download your state's GPA ASSIST plus Schedule 8 medicine summary page.*