



Schedule 8 Medicine Summary: Northern Territory

Storage

The Northern Territory *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2012* states that medical practitioners must keep Schedule 8 (S8) drugs:

- *In a locked room, safe, cupboard or container as detailed in the "Code of Practice Schedule 8 Substances – Volume 2 Storage & Transportation".*
- *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 drug.

Drug – Strength - Form (e.g. Morphine 15mg Ampoules)

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 two years after the date of the last entry in the register.

Destruction

Destruction of S8 drugs is to be witnessed by either an authorised officer (this can be an employee from Medicines & Poisons Control of the NT Department of Health, or a Police officer of rank Sergeant or above), or a veterinarian, or a health practitioner preferably from another practice (medical practitioner, pharmacist, nurse practitioner, nurse, eligible midwife, optometrist, podiatrist). The destruction of S8 drugs must be recorded in the drug register and both the person doing the destruction and the witness must sign.

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.*