

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 4th 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.