

POISONS CONTROL INFORMATION SHEET

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THE SCHEDULE 8 AND RESTRICTED SCHEDULE 4 SUBSTANCES CLINICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Schedule 8 and Restricted Schedules 4 Substances Clinical Advisory Committee, 'the Committee' is composed of a panel of experts to oversee Schedule 8 (S8) and restricted Schedule 4 (S4) matters across the Northern Territory.

Non restricted S8 substances include morphine, oxycodone etc. Restricted S8 substances include buprenorphine sublingual tablets, buprenorphine/naloxone sublingual tablets, methadone liquid, dexamphetamine and methylphenidate.

Presently there are no restricted S4 substances.

Functions of the Committee under the *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act*

- advise the Chief Health Officer (CHO) about the competency required by medical practitioners to supply S8 substances
- make recommendations to the CHO concerning appropriate training programs for medical practitioners who are to supply S8 substances
- provide expert advise to the CHO about the treatment of persons (whether generally or in relation to a particular person) with S8 substances
- advise the CHO in relation to the granting, variation, suspension or revocation of authorisation to supply S8 substances
- make recommendation to the CHO about the issuing of the Guidelines
- provide advice to the CHO about whether matters relation to the supply of a S8 substance should be referred tot the Medical Board of the NT
- advise the CHO about policy issues in relation to the supply and use of S8 and restricted S4 substances and
- receive in writing other matters referred by the CHO.

Membership of the Committee

Members are appointed by the CHO and the Committee must include the following:

- a medical practitioner with expertise in pain management
- a medical practitioner nominated by the NT Division of General Practice
- a medical practitioner nominated by the Australian Medical Association
- a medical practitioner employed by the Department of Health and Families and Alcohol Other Drugs Program
- a non medical person employed by the Department of Health and Families Alcohol and Other Drugs Program
- a pharmacist nominated by the Pharmacy Guild of Australia NT Branch and
- any other person with suitable qualification and experience appointed by the CHO.

The Committee generally meets 3 times a year.

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