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MESSAGE: POISONS SCHEDULES

Dear pharmacist

As you are aware the NT poisons schedules under the *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act* are adopted by reference from the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP), which is the national standard. The NT Pharmacy Board expects that the current version of this document with any amendments be kept in a pharmacy or pharmacy department, and that it must be immediately available to the pharmacist during the dispensing process.

Until recently the way to access the SUSDP has been by annual subscription to the hard copy and amendments. It is now possible to access the SUSDP on the Commonwealth of Australia Law (COMLAW) internet site.

The current SUSDP is available via the following link:

<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/ComLaw/Legislation/LegislativeInstrument1.nsf/0/5858068CF8DFAF4FCA25743A001CA173?OpenDocument>

Please note that there can be a delay of some weeks until an in force amendment is published on this website. Therefore it will still be useful for your practice to maintain a subscription to the hard copy SUSDP.

Please see <http://www.tga.gov.au/ndpsc/susdp.htm> for information on subscribing.

Yours sincerely

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