

POISONS CONTROL INFORMATION SHEET

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MEDICAL PRACTITIONER GUIDE TO SUPPLYING ISOTRETINOIN

The Northern Territory *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act* (PADDA) has applied by reference the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP) Appendix D.

This appendix refers to additional controls on possession or supply of poisons included in schedule 4 or 8.

For poisons such as isotretinoin for human oral use the following is required:

Poisons available only from or on the prescription or order of a specialist physician or a dermatologist and for which the prescriber must, where the patient is a woman of child-bearing age:

(1) ensure that the possibility of pregnancy has been excluded prior to commencement of treatment; and

(2) if the drug is-

(a) acitretin or etretinate, advise the patient to avoid becoming pregnant during or for a period of 24 months after completion of treatment; or

(b) bexarotene, isotretinoin or thalidomide, advise the patient to avoid becoming pregnant during or for a period of 1 month after completion of treatment.

Order of a specialist physician or dermatologist is defined as any of the following:

- patient is initiated on isotretinoin by specialist physician or dermatologist and then GP to co-prescribe
- specialist physician or dermatologist recommends to GP that patient to commence on isotretinoin.

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