

Supply of Medicines for Erectile Dysfunction PHC Remote Guideline

Note: where sildenafil 20mg tablets (Revatio®) are prescribed for pulmonary hypertension please refer to the [PBS website](#) regarding use under the Highly Specialised Drugs program.

Medicines (including phosphodiesterase 5 inhibitors (sildenafil, tadalafil and vardenafil), alprostadil and papaverine) for erectile dysfunction are not funded under the PBS / S100 arrangements. Sildenafil is available through Regional Hospital Pharmacies for the treatment of erectile dysfunction via the [Client Specific Department Funded Medicine Request Form](#) and requires the approval of the Primary Health Care (PHC) Director of Medical Services (DMS). Where the client meets the criteria of these guidelines and is approved by the PHC DMS, the PHC Branch - Remote will meet the full cost.

Where a client does not meet the inclusion criteria, requires supply more frequently than endorsed within this guideline, or supply is not approved by the PHC DMS, the Rural Medical Practitioner (RMP) may provide a private prescription and the client will need to make their own arrangements for supply, including delivery and payment, with a pharmacy of their choice. Pharmacies that have existing supply arrangements with PHC remote health centres are listed at the bottom of this guideline*.

Inclusion criteria:

A medicine for erectile dysfunction may be supplied, with full department funding, only where the client meets the following criteria:

- paraplegia; or
- condition is secondary to diabetes; or
- other specific conditions which may be considered on a case by case basis.

Supply under departmental funding arrangements is subject to the prescription being:

- written for a maximum of 4 tablets or 5 injections per supply event; and
- dispensed by the Regional Hospital Pharmacy with a minimum period of 6 months between supply events.

The RMP should include information regarding the aetiology for the erectile dysfunction within the 'Rationale / Justification' section of the [Client Specific Department Funded Medicine Request Form](#).

It is the responsibility of the RMP to inform the client about the restrictions to supply of a medicine for erectile dysfunction when fully funded by the PHC Branch, and their options to obtain additional supplies where appropriate.

Initial approval for supply of a medicine for erectile dysfunction, **will be for one supply event only**, and **an assessment of effectiveness must be conducted** by the RMP within 6 months, to establish if treatment should be continued. Where continued additional review of effectiveness must be conducted at a minimum of every 12 months.

*Pharmacies (include but are not limited to) Contact Details:

Pharmacy	Phone	Fax	e-mail
Gove Amcal Pharmacy	08 8987 1155	08 8987 1880	gove.pharmacy@nunet.com.au
Northpharm (Darwin)	08 8945 4999	08 8417 7193	darwinahs@northpharm.com.au
Priceline (Alice Springs)	08 8953 0089	1800 003 455	s100@internode.on.net
Tennant Creek Pharmacy	08 8962 2616	08 8962 1005	tcpharmacy@internode.on.net
Terrace Pharmacy (Katherine)	08 8972 1229	08 8971 0126	terrace@tandlpharmacies.com.au
United Discount Chemist Palmerston	08 8935 9608	08 8935 9610	psps100@internode.on.net