

Morphine for Emergency Outreach Drug Box PHC Remote

Under the [Northern Territory Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act](#) the management of all Schedule 8 Medicines must be documented in a Register maintained in each health centre. Remote Health Branch provides policies and procedures related to these medicines, including documentation requirements in the [Schedule 8 Medicines](#) document.

This document provides information specifically related to processes for storage and documentation in relation to the transfer and use of Morphine for the Emergency Outreach Drug Box.

The [Emergency Outreach Drug Box](#) contents list provides the stock levels of Morphine to be transferred from the DD Safe to the Emergency Outreach Drug Box when the Box is to be used. The procedure for transfer of stock includes:

- Clinical staff must record when they remove Morphine from the Dangerous Drugs Safe. Document in the S8 & RS4 Drug Register, the quantity of Morphine transferred to the Emergency Outreach Drug Box (2 ampoules). For example: record 'to Emergency Outreach Drug Box' in the Patient's Name column and '2 amps' in the amount given column and tally the balance.
- If the Morphine is not required and is returned to the Dangerous Drugs Safe on return to the health centre, this is to be similarly recorded as 'from Emergency Outreach Drug Box' and '2 amps' in the Amount Received column and the balance tallied.
- When Morphine from the Emergency Outreach Drug Box is used for a client, document the name of the client and the quantity of Morphine used in the S8 & RS4 Drug Register. **DO NOT TALLY THE BALANCE**, as the Morphine ampoule/s has already been accounted for in the balance. See below.
- In the event one Morphine ampoule remains unused, this must be returned to the Dangerous Drugs Safe and recorded in the S8 / RS4 Drug Register as Amount Received and the balance tallied and adjusted accordingly.
- In the event there is a discrepancy in the number of Morphine ampoules to be transferred back to the Dangerous Drugs Safe (due to broken or missing ampoules), follow the process described in [Schedule 8 Medicines](#) Section 4.7.4 Discrepancies in S8 Medicines Count, including completion of an incident report.

Schedule 8 & Restricted Schedule 4 Drug Register Example

Drug	(name strength form)	MORPHINE 10mg ampoule				Ward	<name of health centre>		
Date	Time received or given	Patient's Name	Amount received	Amount given	Balance	Signature of administering person	Signature of person supervising authorising or witnessing administration	Name of prescriber	
	0hrs	Balance brought forward from p 1			15	K Page RN Kay Page	B Hande RN Brad Hande		
13.3.2013	1300	Millie Grey HRN 0896321		10mg	14	P Gates RN P Gates	B Hande RN Brad Hande	Dr Bloggs	
16.3.2013	1000	To Emergency Outreach Drug Box		2 amps	12	B Hande RN Brad Hande	Mary Were M Were AHW		
16.3.2013	11.15hrs	Robert River HRN 0894562		10mg	13	B Hande RN Brad Hande	Mary Were M Were AHW	Dr Smith	
16.3.2013	11.45	Received from Emergency Outreach Drug Box	1		13	K Page RN Kay Page	Mary Were M Were AHW		
25.3.2013	1245	Received Stock	5		18	K Page RN Kay Page	P Gates RN P Gates		

Reference: Information Sheet - [Schedule 8 & Restricted Schedule 4 Drug Register Example](#).