

Codeine upscheduling & beyond

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Who are the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia?

Peak national professional pharmacy organization

What are our core functions?

- professional development, education and practice support
- standards and guidelines
- advocacy

“PSA is the peak national body for pharmacists”



"ALMOST EVERYTHING I HAVE HURTS AND WHAT DOESN'T
HURT DOESN'T WORK!"

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*Codeine related deaths have increased by more than 100%
between 2000 and 2009*

Roxburgh et al 2015

CODEINE CRISIS

Hospitals on alert over codeine rush

'Dangerous and addictive'

Chronic pain discussion must follow from debate about codeine

OPIOID

'A tsunami of pain'

Withdrawal warning as pharmacy codeine ban takes effect

Codeine changes will save lives

PSA's position has always been that we support consumers continuing to have appropriate access to codeine containing OTC products with the advice from a pharmacist, while minimizing harm from intentional or unintentional misuse by using a real-time recording system.



Codeine decision misses the mark on Quality Use of Medicines

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December 20, 2016

Pharmacists are disappointed that a decision to make over-the-counter (OTC) codeine medicines prescription-only has not been made in conjunction with a national real-time recording system for drugs of dependence, the peak national body for pharmacists, PSA said today.

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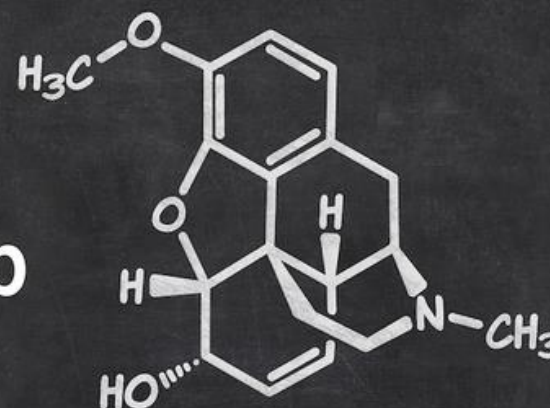
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Codeine Resource Hub



Codeine rescheduling

In December 2016, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) made the decision that medicines containing codeine will only be available with a prescription from 1 February 2018.

These changes will have a significant impact on the daily practice of pharmacists, not just leading up to but following the changes.

The PSA codeine resource hub will provide members with a suite of education and resources to support you through these changes, and improve the health of all Australians. We will also keep you updated on the work that PSA is doing to support members through the transition of codeine to a Prescription Only medicine.

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products

List of up-scheduled codeine containing products

Sponsor	Codeine-containing products previously available over-the-counter that have been up-scheduled to prescription medicines (S4)	AUST R
Apotex Pty Ltd	APO-IBUPROFEN/CODEINE tablet blister pack	227876
	MEVADOL tablet blister pack	230135
	APO-PARACETAMOL/CODEINE 500/10 tablet blister pack	229518
	APO-PARACETAMOL/CODEINE 500/15 tablet blister pack	229524
Arrow Pharma Pty Ltd	CHEMISTS' OWN PAIN CAPTABS capsule shaped tablet blister pack	93812
	CHEMISTS' OWN PAIN TABLETS tablet blister pack	93836
	CHEMISTS' OWN PAIN TABLETS tablet bottle	93828
	CHEMIST'S OWN IBUPROFEN PLUS CODEINE tablet blister pack	158210
	CHEMISTS' OWN STRONG PAIN EXTRA tablet blister pack	208276
Aspen Pharma Pty Ltd	ASPALGIN dispersible tablet blister pack	13431
	DOLASED ANALGESIC-CALMATIVE tablet blister pack	157880
Cipla Australia Pty Ltd	CIPLA COLD & FLU PE DAY paracetamol 500mg, phenylephrine hydrochloride 5mg & codeine phosphate hemihydrate 6mg tablets blister pack	219457
	CIPLA PAIN RELIEF PARACETAMOL + CODEINE 10 tablet blister pack	144070
	MEDITAB PARACETAMOL PLUS CODEINE tablet blister pack	184463
	FEBRIDOL CO tablet bottle	196355
	CIPLA PAIN RELIEF IBUPROFEN PLUS tablet blister pack	155753



<https://www.tga.gov.au/node/770507>

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Trial by Federal Government to support people suffering from chronic pain for 3 months or more.

Through the Pain MedsCheck program, a pharmacist will:

- ✓ Evaluate and review
- ✓ Develop written action plan incorporating;
 - Education
 - self-management
 - Referral



Pharmacists can help close the gap

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