

NSW Adult Subcutaneous Insulin Prescribing Chart

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

What is it?

The chart combines subcutaneous insulin prescription and administration with blood glucose, ketone monitoring and glycaemic management guidelines. It is designed to minimise delays in management decisions and provide clinicians with clear guidelines for:

- Insulin prescription
- Insulin administration
- Hypoglycaemic and hyperglycaemic management
- Safe supplemental insulin use



How will it be evaluated?

Evaluation and audit will take place across NSW hospitals using the chart.

Evaluation will include the review of IIMs data, looking for incidence and trends relating to subcutaneous insulin prescription and administration, and seeking feedback from users over time.



Why do we need it?

Insulin errors are one of the most frequent forms of prescription errors in hospitals. The aim of standardising a subcutaneous insulin chart is to minimise these errors.

A standardised chart supports less experienced front line clinicians through the provision of guidelines and advice as close to the point of care as possible.

The inclusion of daily blood glucose and ketone monitoring results in parallel to the prescribing chart, allows staff to refer to recent readings more easily when prescribing and administering insulin doses. Doses supplied by telephone order, supplemental doses and one-off orders are all recordable in this single document.

When should you use it?

The chart is intended for use in acute adult inpatient areas.

Who developed it?

The chart was developed by the ACI Endocrine Network following an extensive review of charts across the state and nationally. It involved widespread input from rural and metropolitan clinicians.

The chart has been successfully piloted and refined following feedback from key staff across the state.

What about local policies?

The guidelines do not take the place of local policies, or override the treatment plans of individual patients. They may be of use in areas where local policies do not exist or are difficult to access by front line or after hours staff.

How will it be implemented?

A comprehensive training and education package is available to allow hospital staff to tailor an implementation plan specific for their LHD. This includes:

- Webex sessions
- Resources: instruction guide, summary guide and FAQs
- On line learning materials

How do I order it?

To order the NSW subcutaneous insulin prescribing chart please contact FujiXerox and quote NH606615.

The HIMF number for the subcutaneous insulin prescribing chart is 632134 and has been allocated in Oracle.

The cost is \$7.98 per pack of 50 (without carbon copy).

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