

3.14 Standing Order for supply of Paracetamol 500mg / Codeine 8mg

TITLE	Standing order for Paracetamol 500mg / Codeine 8mg (adults only)
Trade Name(s)	Codapane, Panamax Co, Panadeine, Panalgesic (Note: Paracetamol / codeine preparations are available in multiple dose ratios. Some preparations also contain combinations of doxylamine. This Standing Order is for paracetamol 500mg / codeine 8mg <u>only</u> .)
Presentation ¹	Tablet / soluble tablet containing 500mg paracetamol / 8mg codeine
Indication	Analgesia for the treatment of moderate pain in adults (any cause). Corresponding pain score may range from 4 – 6
Contraindications ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known allergy to paracetamol, codeine or specific preparation components • Breastfeeding mothers • Impaired liver function including current alcohol dependence • Impaired renal function • Decreased respiratory reserve • Previous paracetamol dose (≥ 1g) within last 4 hours • Cumulative dose of paracetamol ≥ 4g within last 24 hours • Avoid soluble preparations (due to high sodium content) in heart failure / hypertension / where low sodium intake is indicated
Precautions ¹	Nil specific – assess effectiveness by repeating pain assessment 30 – 60 minutes post administration
Dose ¹	2 tablets (paracetamol 500mg / codeine 8mg)
Dose frequency ¹	4 – 6 hourly up to 8 tablets (4g paracetamol total) per 24 hours
Administration ¹	To be administered in hospital only. Tablet or soluble tablet orally
Storage	Must be stored out of patient and public access, preferably in a locked room or a locked cabinet securely attached to the wall or floor – see PD2013_043.
Adverse effects ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drowsiness and mental impairment • Gastrointestinal symptoms • Rare – though hypersensitivity / allergic type reactions are possible for both paracetamol and codeine
Nursing Accreditation Requirements	An RN whose competency to practice Nurse Delegated Emergency Care and to comply with this Standing Order has been assessed and approved by a <i>Local Facilitator</i> , in accordance with the NDEC Education and Accreditation Framework.
Documentation	Administration record is to be documented by the administering nurse. Document on the “once only” section of the appropriate medication chart. The record of administration must be checked and countersigned by a medical officer within 24 hours of initial administration.
Related Documents	NDEC Nurse Management Guideline: Pain http://www.ecinsw.com.au/node/275

Local Standing Order Authorisation:

Date approved by _____ LHD Drugs and Therapeutics Committee:	Medical Officer Name:
Review Date:	Signature:

¹ The drug information provided is to act as a guide only, for further information reference should be made to the full product info available on MIMS or the Australian Medicines Handbook <accessible in NSW Health facilities via CIAP: > If contraindications, precautions or interactions are present refer to MO before administration