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Sections 10(2)(b) and 10(4)(d) of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966  
Clauses 17, 53, 100, 170 and 171 of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008  
Section 25(4)(a) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985

#### AUTHORITY

I, Susan Pearce, Secretary, NSW Health, pursuant to sections 10(2)(b) and 10(4)(d) of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966; clauses 17, 53, 100, 170 and 171 of the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008; and section 25(4)(a) of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 hereby make this instrument.



Susan Pearce AM

Secretary, NSW Health

Dated: 16/11/23

Authority to supply (by way of administration) poisons, restricted substances, and drugs of addiction

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#### 1) Authorisation

This instrument authorises an *authorised registered nurse* and *authorised enrolled nurse* to supply (by way of administration) a person with a poison, restricted substance, or drug of addiction (collectively 'the substance').

#### 2) Substances to which this instrument applies

This instrument applies to:

- a. specified poisons, namely scheduled substances listed in Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 of the Poisons Standard
- b. restricted substances; and
- c. drugs of addiction.

#### 3) Conditions — Limitation on supply (by way of administration)

##### Authorised registered nurse

- a. The authorised registered nurse must be employed or engaged at a *specified NSW Health entity* and administer the substance in the course of their employment or engagement with that entity.
- b. The authorised registered nurse must have successfully completed the required education and training to select, initiate, and administer

medication set out in the Use of Emergency Care Assessment and Treatment (ECAT) Protocols and Policy Directive.

- c. The authorised registered nurse must only administer the substance in accordance with the ECAT Protocols and Policy Directive.
- d. The authorised registered nurse must maintain proficiency in current practices relating to the substances referred to in the ECAT Protocols.

#### Authorised enrolled nurse

- (a) The authorised enrolled nurse must only administer the substance under the supervision of an authorised registered nurse.
- (b) The authorised enrolled nurse must not initiate the substance to a person.
- (c) The authorised enrolled nurse must be employed or engaged at a *specified NSW Health entity* and administer the substance in the course of their employment or engagement with that entity.
- (d) The authorised enrolled nurse must have successfully completed the required education and training as set out in the ECAT Protocols and Policy Directive.
- (e) The authorised enrolled nurse must only administer the substance in accordance with the ECAT Protocols and Policy Directive, including to only use the unshaded portions of the ECAT Protocols.
- (f) The authorised enrolled nurse must maintain proficiency in current practices relating to the substances referred to in the ECAT Protocols.

#### **4) Publication**

This instrument is to be published on the NSW Health website.

#### **5) Definitions**

In this instrument:

- *Poisons standard, poison, restricted substance, and drug of addiction* have the same meaning as in the *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966*.
- *Authorised registered nurse* means a registered nurse who:
  - i. is employed or engaged in a *specified NSW Health entity*; and
  - ii. has successfully completed the required education and training as set out in the Use of ECAT Protocols and Policy Directive.
- *Authorised enrolled nurse* means an enrolled nurse who:
  - i. is employed or engaged in a *specified NSW Health entity*; and
  - ii. has successfully completed the required education and training as set out in the Use of ECAT Protocols and Policy Directive.
- *specified NSW Health entity* means:
  - i. a Local Health District, including a hospital controlled by a Local Health District
  - ii. a hospital controlled by the Crown (including the Minister or the Health Administration Corporation)
  - iii. a specified *affiliated health organisation*, namely:
    - St Vincent's Hospital Sydney Limited; or
  - iv. a specified *statutory health corporation*, namely:

- The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (Randwick and Westmead) (incorporating The Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children).
- *affiliated health organisation, Local Health District, and statutory health corporation* have the same meaning as in the *Health Services Act 1997* (NSW).

**6) Commencement**

This authority commences on publication.

**7) Cancellation**

This authority remains in effect for 24 months after signature, unless earlier cancelled.