

Good Practice Guidance for Care Homes

Common Controlled Drugs and Legal Requirements for Care Homes

Note: This is not an exhaustive list: care home staff should contact the supplying pharmacist or dispensing doctor when unsure of legal requirements and safe custody of medicines

Schedule 2		
Controlled Drug (CD)	Brand names	Legal Requirements
Morphine sulfate	MST Continus® Zomorph® Sevredol® Oramorph® Concentrated oral solution 100mg/5ml** MXL® Cyclimorph®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Store in a CD cupboard Record in the CD register 2 staff (trained and competent) involved in transactions Prescription valid for 28 days <p>** Oramorph oral solution 10mg/5ml is not treated as a controlled drug. However, CD storage and CD records are a good practice recommendation.</p>
Dexamphetamine	Dexedrine®	
Diamorphine		
Pethidine		
Methadone	Physeptone®	
Methylphenidate	Ritalin®, Equasym® Concerta®, Medikinet®	
Fentanyl	Durogesic® , Matrifen® Fencino®, Mezolar® Actiq Lozenges®	
Oxycodone	OxyNorm®, OxyContin® Longtec®, Shortec®	
Schedule 3		
CD	Brand names	Legal Requirements
Buprenorphine	Temgesic®, Subutex ®. BuTrans Patch® Transtec Patch®	Buprenorphine and Temazepam are required to be stored in a CD cupboard and as good practice care homes should record them in the CD register (usually 2 staff involved in transactions as above)
Temazepam		
Gabapentin	Neurontin®	
Pregabalin	Alzain®, Axalid® , Lyrica®	Other Schedule 3 controlled drugs do not require CD storage or recorded in the CD register.
Midazolam	Hypnovel, ®, Buccolam®	
Tramadol	Zydol®, Zamadol®	
Phenobarbital		
Pentazocine	Fortral®	
Schedule 4		
CD	Brand names	Legal Requirements
Diazepam	Valium®	
Zaleplon	Sonata®	Schedule 4 controlled drugs do not require CD storage or recorded in the CD register
Zolpidem	Stilnoct®	
Zopiclone	Zimovane®	

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