

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)	Example brand names	Legal Requirements
Morphine sulfate	MST Continus®	<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 ** CD storage and record keeping requirements do NOT apply to Oramorph oral solution 10mg/5ml . However, CD storage and CD records are considered good practice.
	Zomorph®	
	Sevredol®	
	Oramorph®	
	Concentrated oral solution 100mg/5ml **	
	MXL®	
	Cyclimorph®	
Dexamphetamine	Dexedrine®	
Diamorphine		
Pethidine		
Methadone	Physeptone®	
Methylphenidate	Ritalin®, Equasym®, Xaggitin®	
	Concerta®, Medikinet®	
Fentanyl	Durogesic®, Matrifen®	
	Fencino®, Mezolar®	
	Actiq Lozenges®	
Oxycodone	OxyNorm®, OxyContin®	
	Longtec®, Shortec®	
Schedule 3		
CD	Example brand names	Legal Requirements
Buprenorphine	Temgesic®, Subutex®.	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)
	Transdermal Patches (e.g. Butec®, BuTrans®, Transtec®)	
Temazepam		CD storage and CD register records are NOT required for other Schedule 3 drugs.
Gabapentin	Neurontin®	
Pregabalin	Alzain®, Axalid®, Lyrica®	
Midazolam	Hypnovel®, Buccolam®	
Tramadol	Zydol®, Zamadol®	
Phenobarbital		
Pentazocine	Fortral®	
Schedule 4		
CD	Example brand names	Legal Requirements
Diazepam	Valium®	CD storage and CD register records are NOT required for Schedule 4 drugs.
Zaleplon	Sonata®	
Zolpidem	Stilnoct®	
Zopiclone	Zimovane®	